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1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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4 JOHN CALDERAIO,  
5 Plaintiff, :  
6 -vs.- :  
7 CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL :  
DISTRICT, :  
8 Defendant. : 2:23-cv-04218  
- - -

9 Wednesday, November 20, 2024

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11 Videotaped deposition of JOHN  
12 CALDERAIO, taken pursuant to notice, was held at  
13 MARSHALL DENNEHEY, 2000 Market Street, Suite  
14 2300, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103,  
15 commencing at 10:07 a.m., on the above date,  
16 before Jared Carey, a Professional Reporter and  
17 Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of  
18 Pennsylvania.

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THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The following  
is the recorded deposition of Mr. Calderaio  
in the matter of John Calderaio versus  
Central Bucks School District being heard  
before the U.S. District Court for the  
Eastern District of Pennsylvania, case file  
No. 2:23-cv-04218.

This deposition is being held  
at 2000 Market Street in Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania with today's date being  
November 20, 2024 and the time on the  
record stating 10:07 a.m. My name is Sean  
Dougherty. I am the videographer. The  
court reporter is Jared Carey.

Counsel, at this time will you  
please place your appearances for the  
record.

MR. COHEN: Noah Cohen on behalf  
of Plaintiff from Weir LLP.

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MR. SHUBIN: Andy Shubin, also  
for the plaintiff. I'm listening in

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1 remotely.

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3 JOHN CALDERAIO, having been duly  
4 sworn, was examined and testified as  
5 follows:

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7 EXAMINATION

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9 BY MR. SANTARONE

10 Q. Mr. Calderaio, my name is Joe  
11 Santarone. I will be asking you some questions  
12 today.

13 A. Sure.

14 Q. If at any time I ask you any  
15 question that you do not hear or understand the  
16 question, just ask me to repeat it.

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. The second instruction would be  
19 you are not here to guess at answers or assume  
20 answers. If you don't know, you can say "I  
21 don't know." If you are going to give a  
22 reasonable guess, let us know it's an estimate.

23 A. Sure.

24 Q. The third instruction is to give

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1 all verbal responses so the court reporter can  
2 take down your answers.

3 A. Right.

4 Q. Also, a lot of times you will  
5 anticipate what my question is. But you have to  
6 wait until I finish the question so the court  
7 reporter can take it down.

8 A. Right.

9 Q. Have you ever had your deposition  
10 taken before?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Have you ever testified in court?

13 A. No. Not to my recollection.

14 Q. Did you testify in the criminal  
15 matter at all in this case?

16 A. No, I didn't.

17 Q. Can you state your full name for  
18 the record, please.

19 A. Sure. It's John Anthony Walter  
20 Calderaio.

21 Q. How old are you?

22 A. I am 26.

23 Q. Your date of birth?

24 A. 12/19/97.

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1 Q. What is your address?

2 A. It's 20,000 Portofino Circle,  
3 Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33418.

4 Q. Is that a home or a house or  
5 apartment?

6 A. It's an apartment.

7 Q. How many bedrooms is the  
8 apartment?

9 A. Three.

10 Q. Do you live there with anyone?

11 A. I live there with my brother, my  
12 oldest brother Anthony, and his girlfriend  
13 Megan.

14 Q. How long have you lived there?

15 A. Approximately six, seven months.

16 Q. Where did you live before that?

17 A. I also was living in Palm Beach  
18 Gardens. I lived in a different apartment right  
19 down the road.

20 Q. How long were you in that  
21 apartment?

22 A. About a year.

23 Q. Who did you live with at that  
24 address?

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1           A.           I lived with my brother for the  
2 first six months. And then his girlfriend Megan  
3 moved in for the second half of the year.

4           Q.           Then did all three of you move  
5 then to this new apartment?

6           A.           Correct.

7           Q.           How about before that apartment?

8           A.           I was living on the other coast  
9 of Florida in Fort Myers in a place called  
10 Babcock Ranch.

11          Q.           And what is Babcock Ranch? Is  
12 that an apartment complex?

13          A.           It's a newly developed community.  
14 It's a -- yes. They are houses. It's a housing  
15 development.

16          Q.           Did you live in a house or an  
17 apartment?

18          A.           I lived in a house.

19          Q.           Who did you live there with?

20          A.           I spent some time living with my  
21 dad because he has a house there. I spent some  
22 time living with my brother because he had a  
23 house there.

24          Q.           Is this Anthony also?



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1 A. That is correct. It's Anthony.

2 And my father's name is Anthony as well.

3 Q. When you moved to Babcock Ranch,  
4 was that the first time that you lived in  
5 Florida?

6 A. I lived in Florida one time  
7 previously. I was actually born in Boca Raton.  
8 And we lived there for six weeks before I moved  
9 to Pennsylvania.

10 Q. When was it that you actually  
11 left Pennsylvania to move to Florida?

12 A. It was about October of 2022  
13 approximately.

14 Q. What was reason why you left?

15 A. A lot relating to the case at  
16 hand. Honestly, it's mainly it. I wanted to be  
17 closer with family, rebuild foundations with  
18 them after everything that happened. It drove a  
19 pretty big divide between me and my family. So  
20 it was important to me to redevelop those  
21 foundations.

22 Q. Did your father live there before  
23 October 2022?

24 A. Yes. He was there for about a --

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1 he was there for a couple of years already at  
2 that point. Maybe a few years.

3 Q. How about your brother? Was he  
4 there for a while before October 2022?

5 A. He lived there for a couple years  
6 at that point as well. Yeah, a few years.

7 Q. And do you have any other  
8 siblings?

9 A. I do. I have a sister who is  
10 also older than me. I'm the youngest of three.

11 Q. What is your sister's name?

12 A. Her name is Diana.

13 Q. And how old is Anthony?

14 A. 30.

15 Q. And how old is Diana?

16 A. She is 28.

17 Q. Where does Diana live?

18 A. She lives in Philadelphia.

19 Q. What section?

20 A. I'm actually not sure. She just  
21 recently moved to a new place. I don't recall.  
22 I think it's in Center City, though, or near  
23 Center City.

24 Q. Is Diana married?

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1 A. No, she is not.

2 Q. How about your mother?

3 A. Where does she live? Or what  
4 about?

5 Q. Where does she live now?

6 A. She lives in Pennsylvania still.

7 Q. Where?

8 A. I'm not sure.

9 Q. You are not sure in that you  
10 don't know the address? Or not sure that you  
11 have not been to the house?

12 A. I don't think she lives in a  
13 house right now. I think she is actually in  
14 treatment for alcohol.

15 Q. Do you know where she is?

16 A. I do not.

17 Q. And do you know how old your  
18 mother is?

19 A. 54. She is 54.

20 Q. And do you know where did she  
21 live before she went to rehab?

22 A. I'm not sure. I can tell you her  
23 last known address that I know of.

24 Q. Okay.

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1 A. 124 East State Street, apartment  
2 2W.

3 Q. Where is that?

4 A. Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

5 Q. Do you know how long she lived  
6 there?

7 A. She lived there for around, I  
8 want to say, six or seven years.

9 Q. Did you ever live there with her?

10 A. Yes. I did on and off.

11 Q. Do you still have contact now at  
12 all with your mother?

13 A. I have not spoken to my mother in  
14 around a year.

15 Q. How about your brother Anthony,  
16 is he in contact with your mother?

17 A. She has been contacting him. But  
18 I wouldn't say they are in regular contact, no.

19 Q. How about Diana?

20 A. They are in contact, yeah. I  
21 would say often.

22 Q. How often do you speak with  
23 Diana?

24 A. Right now about once a week, once

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1 every couple of weeks. She is busy. I'm busy.

2 We have a good relationship, though.

3 Q. And your parents, were your  
4 parents married when you were born?

5 A. They were at the time of birth,  
6 yes.

7 Q. Are they divorced now?

8 A. They are divorced now. That is  
9 correct.

10 Q. When did they get divorced?

11 A. I believe the divorce was  
12 finalized between four and six years ago.  
13 That's an approximation.

14 Q. So roughly 2019 or 2020?

15 A. Yes. Roughly around there.

16 Q. When did they separate before  
17 they got divorced?

18 A. Back in I want to say  
19 around 2013 -- 2012.

20 Q. So when your parents separated,  
21 you were in what grade?

22 A. I was in 8th grade. So, yeah, I  
23 guess that timeline is a little off maybe by  
24 around a year or so. So probably around 2011 is

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1 when it must have been.

2 Q. When they separated you were in  
3 8th grade?

4 A. About, yes.

5 Q. And when they separated, who did  
6 you live with?

7 A. When they first separated I was  
8 living with my father.

9 Q. Did that change?

10 A. It did eventually.

11 Q. How long after that did it  
12 change?

13 A. About around a year later.

14 Q. What led to the change? Did you  
15 go to live with your mother?

16 A. Immediately, no. I was living  
17 with a family friend.

18 Q. Is that when you were in 8th  
19 grade?

20 A. At this point now we are talking  
21 about 9th grade. A year later, which would be  
22 9th grade, around that time I had left my  
23 father's house and stayed with a family friend.

24 Q. What is the reason you left your

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1 father's house?

2 A. Instability in the home.

3 Q. Instability in your father's  
4 home?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What was the instability in your  
7 father's home?

8 A. I would say when you are married  
9 30-plus years and then you get divorced and you  
10 are -- you begin to initiate a divorce and your  
11 wife is an alcoholic it can take a pretty big  
12 toll on you. He did his best. But there were  
13 some issues.

14 Q. Did it take a toll on you?

15 A. Yes. Of course.

16 Q. How about your brother and  
17 sister?

18 A. Yes, yes, yes.

19 Q. Who did you go to live with in  
20 9th grade when you left your father's house  
21 because of instability?

22 A. Would you like to know their  
23 names?

24 Q. Yes.

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1           A.        Their family name was Stuardi  
2 (ph). The kid who was in my grade who I was  
3 friends with his name was Andrew. He had  
4 siblings who were friends with my siblings as  
5 will.

6           Q.        How long did you live with that  
7 family?

8           A.        I want to say around six months  
9 give or take a month, maybe.

10          Q.        And when you moved -- where did  
11 you move from there?

12          A.        From there I moved in with my  
13 mom.

14          Q.        Were you still in 9th grade when  
15 you moved back with your mom?

16          A.        Correct. Yes.

17          Q.        When you moved back with your mom  
18 in 9th grade, what school were you in in 9th  
19 grade?

20          A.        I was in Holicong Middle School.

21          Q.        Is middle school 6th, 7th and  
22 8th? Or 7th, 8th and 9th?

23          A.        Yes. Middle school through  
24 Central Bucks is 7th through 9th, correct.



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1 Q. When you moved in with your  
2 mother in 9th grade, was anybody else living  
3 with your mother?

4 A. Immediately at that time, no. It  
5 was just me. Eventually my brother and sister  
6 moved back in as well with my mother.

7 Q. Was your mother an alcoholic at  
8 this time?

9 A. Undiagnosed. You know? Yes, she  
10 was.

11 Q. Had she been in any type of rehab  
12 at that point up until the time you were in 9th  
13 grade?

14 A. Right. Not to my knowledge.  
15 Maybe at some point that I don't know about.  
16 But to my knowledge at that point, no.

17 Q. How long did you stay with your  
18 mother then when you moved back in 9th grade?

19 A. I stayed with her for around a  
20 year and a half.

21 Q. And then what happened?

22 A. Then I stayed with my father for  
23 pretty much the remainder of my time in high  
24 school -- or at least between my parents. So

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1 some points in between going a little back and  
2 forth. But I was mainly with my father after  
3 that year and a half.

4 Q. Was your mother physically  
5 abusive to you?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Was she emotionally abusive to  
8 you?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. In what way?

11 A. It was usually just when she was  
12 drinking. And, you know, I would say typical  
13 alcoholic behavior, you know, shaming you,  
14 guiltting you, blaming you for their actions and  
15 mistakes. You know?

16 Her actions would create a lot of  
17 instability in the household, whether it be  
18 financially or otherwise. And, you know,  
19 blaming those circumstances on us, a lot of  
20 gaslighting.

21 Q. Was there any abuse from your  
22 father?

23 A. No.

24 Q. And financially, how was your

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1 family's financial situation when you were  
2 growing up?

3 A. Growing up we were very well-off.  
4 The divorce -- the separation and the divorce  
5 and legal issues we faced because of my mom's  
6 actions took a really big toll on our finances.  
7 But growing up we were very well-off.

8 Q. When they separated in 2012, did  
9 that begin to change then?

10 A. Yes. From there it was slowly  
11 degrading our financial situation.

12 Q. What issues did your mother have  
13 that was draining the financial situation?

14 A. Needless legal fees, other legal  
15 fees -- for example, she was charged in hit and  
16 run of three vehicles. That caused a lot of  
17 issues financially with the attorney's fees and  
18 court fees and all the like.

19 It was a lot of needless  
20 spending. We had HELOC that was drained quickly  
21 from her. It was a lot of spiteful actions,  
22 too, with the intent to destroy my father's  
23 finances which inherently had an effect on us.

24 Q. Was she required to pay any type

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1 of legal judgments because her actions when she  
2 was intoxicated?

3 A. I don't know that for a fact.  
4 I'm not sure.

5 Q. Do you have any idea how long she  
6 has been in rehab currently?

7 A. Currently I believe she has been  
8 in rehab right now for over three months.

9 Q. You don't know where, though?

10 A. No. But I know she will be there  
11 for a year. It's court-ordered.

12 Q. Do you know by what court?

13 A. I don't. I'm sorry.

14 Q. You don't know if it's Bucks  
15 County Court?

16 A. I don't. I'm sorry.

17 Q. The one year of rehab  
18 court-ordered, is that -- do you know if that is  
19 a criminal sentence?

20 A. I'm not sure. I mean, I would  
21 imagine. But I'm not sure.

22 Q. Let's talk about your work  
23 history then. You graduated in 2016?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Did you hold any jobs while you  
2 were in high school?

3 A. Yes, I did. I had a couple of  
4 jobs. I had one at a restaurant called Mosquito  
5 Grill in Doylestown as a busser. I was there  
6 for around a year.

7 Q. What year in high school was  
8 that?

9 A. I think that was my sophomore  
10 year.

11 Q. That would have been 10th grade?

12 A. Yes. I got the job going into my  
13 sophomore year. So it was not a year starting  
14 from my sophomore year. It was a part of my  
15 sophomore year. And then from there I got  
16 another job at a restaurant called 86 West as a  
17 busser and an expo. That's why I left Mosquito  
18 Grill. I was there for -- going into the  
19 beginning of my junior year.

20 Q. What is an expo?

21 A. They like help run the food line.  
22 They expedite everything and help to keep things  
23 running smoothly.

24 Q. So you worked at 86 West. That

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1 is also in Doylestown?

2 A. That is also in Doylestown, yes.  
3 They are like right next to each other.

4 Q. And you worked there for part of  
5 your junior year?

6 A. Part of my sophomore year going  
7 into my junior year up until about halfway  
8 through my junior year. So I would say the  
9 second half of my sophomore year into the first  
10 half of my junior year or through the first half  
11 of my junior year.

12 Q. So how about the second semester  
13 of your junior year, did you work anywhere?

14 A. I don't believe so.

15 Q. How about your senior year, did  
16 you work anywhere?

17 A. I don't believe so. Actually I  
18 am sorry. That's not true. My second half of  
19 my junior year I worked at a restaurant called  
20 Maxwell's on Main Street -- called Mom's.

21 Q. How about your senior year?

22 A. My senior year I didn't.

23 Q. This was at a time when your  
24 family was having some financial difficulties?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Were you ever fired from any of  
3 these jobs?

4 A. No.

5 Q. You left on your own? Each one?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Why did you leave the one you  
8 had -- was it Maxwell's?

9 A. Honestly, I don't remember. I  
10 don't remember. Actually now that I think about  
11 it I walked -- I did leave. I walked out of  
12 that job. I don't know how they would define  
13 that. I define it as I quit.

14 Q. Do you know why you walked out?

15 A. Honestly, I don't recall.

16 Q. But you were not fired from any  
17 jobs?

18 A. No.

19 Q. So you graduate in June of 2016?

20 A. Mm-mmh.

21 Q. Do you continue your education?

22 A. I did.

23 Q. Where did you go to school?

24 A. After that I had gone to Bucks

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1 County Community College for about a year and a  
2 half.

3 Q. Did you have a major there?

4 A. I did.

5 Q. What was that?

6 A. It was voice.

7 Q. Did you earn credits while you  
8 were there?

9 A. I did.

10 Q. What happened after a year and a  
11 half?

12 A. Sure. I took a semester off.  
13 And then I got accepted into Temple University.

14 Q. What did you do in the semester  
15 off?

16 A. I worked, trying to save money,  
17 focused on music. I -- you know, Dr. Orht was  
18 demanding of my time at the time. So I spent  
19 some time working with him.

20 Q. Where did you work then? You  
21 said you worked?

22 A. I was working at a church in  
23 Doylestown called St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

24 Q. This was the semester between



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1 Bucks County Community and Temple?

2 A. Yes. I believe so.

3 Q. What did you do there?

4 A. I was an assistant music  
5 director. I also sang in a professional quartet  
6 from Princeton.

7 Q. We will get back to that.

8 A. Sure.

9 Q. So then you go to Temple?

10 A. Um-hmm.

11 Q. And is there any break other than  
12 that half semester? You go from high school to  
13 Bucks County Community College, a semester off  
14 and then into Temple?

15 A. Yes. That's correct.

16 Q. And were you at Temple main  
17 campus?

18 A. Main campus, yes.

19 Q. What was your major at Temple?

20 A. Music education.

21 Q. How long were you at Temple?

22 A. About another year and a half.

23 Q. And did you graduate from Temple?

24 A. I withdrew in the second half of

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1 my junior year.

2 Q. Why did you withdraw?

3 A. I wanted nothing to do with music  
4 anymore.

5 Q. Did you go back to college ever?

6 A. I did.

7 Q. Where did you go?

8 A. I went to Bucks County College.  
9 And I got a degree in health science.

10 Q. Is that an associate's degree?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. What was the degree in again?

13 A. That's okay. It's an associate  
14 in the science of health science.

15 Q. What would you do with that  
16 degree?

17 A. I was on track to become a  
18 physician's assistant.

19 Q. You said you were on track. What  
20 happened? Are you still on track?

21 A. Yes, right. No -- so after that  
22 I got accepted in Jefferson University in their  
23 pre-PA program which is a conditional program  
24 which guarantees you acceptance into their

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1 physician assistant program as long as you  
2 maintain a certain GPA. And I withdrew from  
3 that program to move to Florida.

4 Q. How far into that program were  
5 you when you withdrew?

6 A. It was a week and a half. I knew  
7 I was going to move. At that point I made the  
8 decision. So I returned all of my financial aid  
9 and I moved pretty shortly after that.

10 Q. Have you looked into any program  
11 in Florida?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. For PA?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What is that? Tell me about  
16 that.

17 A. Yes, sure. So in order to -- I  
18 have not found any pre-PA programs there. So  
19 what I would need to do is I need to finish my  
20 bachelor's first in order to apply for those  
21 programs. And I would need to satisfy all core  
22 prerequisites for whichever PA program I choose.  
23 So I would need to go back to a four-year  
24 university or a four-year institution in Florida

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1 to finish that first.

2 Q. Have you made any plans or  
3 movements towards that?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Where have you applied?

6 A. I applied at UF, USF, Palm Beach  
7 State College, FAU. But the best contender  
8 right now is Palm Beach State College. It's the  
9 closest to me and the cheapest.

10 Q. And Palm Beach State College,  
11 where are you in that? Have you been accepted;  
12 do you know?

13 A. I have already been accepted.  
14 That was last year, though. I have to apply  
15 again. I didn't wind up going at the time.

16 Q. But have you been accepted there?

17 A. Yes. I've been accepted there  
18 already.

19 Q. So your long-term plans are to  
20 stay in Florida?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. So let's talk about between 2016  
23 when you graduated and 2022 when you moved to  
24 Florida.

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1 A. Sure.

2 Q. Did we cover all your work  
3 history? Where did you --

4 A. No, we didn't. I stopped  
5 around -- we stopped -- a little after senior  
6 year. So we ended at 2017 I was working at St.  
7 Paul's Lutheran Church, singing in that quartet,  
8 as an assistant music director. During the  
9 summer of 2017 I had a job as an assistant  
10 creative director at the Bucks County Playhouse.

11 Q. How long were you in that  
12 position?

13 A. It was a temporary position.  
14 That is just the way that position works. It  
15 was about three months -- yeah. About three  
16 months.

17 Q. What did it involve? Putting on  
18 some production?

19 A. Yes. So I was an assistant  
20 creative director in their youth company. So  
21 the way that that works is students audition for  
22 a play that -- or a musical in this case, which  
23 would be produced and performed at the Bucks  
24 County Playhouse in production with the Bucks

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1 County Playhouse.

2 So you spend three months working  
3 with the kids, coaching the kids, developing the  
4 musical. And then you have a few performances.  
5 And then that's it. Kids go back to school. So  
6 it was really just a temporary position for that  
7 summer.

8 Q. Did you enjoy doing that?

9 A. Yes. I loved it. It was  
10 everything.

11 Q. Have you ever done anything like  
12 that again?

13 A. More or less. Not like that,  
14 though.

15 Q. What kind of things have you done  
16 that's like that?

17 A. Worked with choirs, worked with  
18 ensembles, put on -- not put on. But worked on  
19 smaller-scale musical productions not involving  
20 any choreography or not anything theatrical like  
21 that.

22 Q. When was the last time you did  
23 that?

24 A. At Central Bucks West.

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1 Q. Central Bucks West was after the  
2 Bucks County Playhouse?

3 A. Correct. Yes. I still  
4 continuously worked with the students at CB West  
5 after I graduated.

6 Q. How long did you do that for?

7 A. On and off for pretty much up  
8 until 2019. I still -- that choir commissioned  
9 me to write music here and there, which was  
10 another contract job or job I had by contract  
11 that I did throughout this whole timeline.

12 Q. For three years or so after your  
13 graduation, you were continuing to help students  
14 at Central Bucks West?

15 A. Yes. More or less. I would say  
16 work with them rather than really help them, you  
17 know, collaborate.

18 Q. As far as your musical talent,  
19 what is it?

20 A. How so?

21 Q. Do you sing? Do you put up  
22 productions? I don't --

23 A. Yeah. So I really have a wide  
24 array of ability in music, I guess. Mainly I

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1 like to sing. I am not -- I don't think I am  
2 the best singer. My talent was more so in  
3 conducting, composition, composition of any  
4 kind. I love piano, too. I play piano. Yes.  
5 Voice, piano, conducting, composition.

6 Q. Do you still play the piano?

7 A. I started to again recently, yes.

8 Q. Do you have a piano where you  
9 live?

10 A. I have a keyboard, yes.

11 Q. Besides anything you might have  
12 done in school, were you involved in any  
13 productions of anything at Temple?

14 A. At Temple I was -- when you are  
15 in -- when you are at Boyer, which is their  
16 music school or when are you in voice or your  
17 major aligns with voice, you have to take choir.  
18 So I was in choir. But I was in their select  
19 ensemble which is like an extracurricular choir  
20 as well. Other than that, I wouldn't say I  
21 wasn't in any like productions or anything like  
22 that.

23 Q. As far as your range as a singer,  
24 do you fit a certain range?



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1           A.           I can sing in three different  
2 voice ranges. I can sing base, tenor and alto.

3           Q.           Is that unusual?

4           A.           It's not supper common. I  
5 wouldn't say it's necessarily unusual. But it's  
6 not necessarily common.

7           Q.           The position you had when you  
8 were helping students or working at post  
9 graduation at CB West, were you paid for that?

10          A.           Well, I guess it depends what we  
11 are talking about. If there were pieces I was  
12 commissioned to write for their choir, yes, I  
13 was paid for that. As far as working with  
14 students like -- let's say I wrote a piece and I  
15 worked on it with the choir because they were  
16 going to sing it, me working on it with them I  
17 was not paid for.

18                       I was really just paid to write  
19 the music unless it was like, for example, a job  
20 at the Bucks County Playhouse or if it was my  
21 job at the church working with that choir. That  
22 was a little different. But students at West I  
23 was not paid to work with them.

24          Q.           Who was it that paid you to write

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1 the music?

2 A. Technically it was out of a fund  
3 that was put together by parents of the choir  
4 and Dr. Ohrt, himself. So how the money was put  
5 in that fund, I'm not sure. But it was  
6 generally paid out from that fund or it was a  
7 personal check from him.

8 Q. Did you ever get checks that  
9 actually said Central Bucks West?

10 A. It would say Central Bucks Music  
11 something. But it was not like written out from  
12 the district, itself, or anything like that. At  
13 least I don't remember that.

14 Q. How about -- as far as starting  
15 at the school you are talking about, the Palm  
16 Beach school, are you going to start in  
17 September? Do you have a date that you will  
18 start there?

19 A. Right. So that is this -- now  
20 it's November already. That is pretty much --  
21 yes. Yes. I would say this coming September.  
22 Some things are slightly up in the air. I can  
23 potentially go back this coming spring semester.  
24 The only issue is the times in which the courses

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1 fall in the fall or spring. You understand?  
2 You have to take certain ones before other ones.  
3 So that depends. I actually have to get onto  
4 that when I get home.

5 Q. So it's either the spring of 2025  
6 or the fall of 2025?

7 A. Yes, sir. That's correct.  
8 Right. Because spring would be the first half  
9 of 2025. Fall would be second half. That is  
10 correct.

11 Q. Is there tuition involved in  
12 that?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Do you have the funds to pay  
15 that?

16 A. I personally do not. But I could  
17 through financial aid, scholarships, grants, et  
18 cetera.

19 Q. So just getting back when you --  
20 October 2022 you go to Florida?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Where were you working before you  
23 went to Florida?

24 A. Before I went to Florida I was --

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1 right. I was working in New Hope at the Inn at  
2 Centre Bridge. And I was also working as a  
3 medical assistant at Pennsylvania Pain & Spine  
4 Institute.

5 Q. You had two jobs?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. How long did you work at the Inn  
8 at Centre Bridge?

9 A. The Inn at Centre Bridge I worked  
10 there for about -- wow. Two years, a little  
11 over two years. I am sorry.

12 Q. So starting from 2020 --

13 A. Starting in May of 2020 until  
14 about August or September of 2022.

15 Q. And then you left in October to  
16 go to Florida?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. What did you do at the Inn?

19 A. I was an operations manager.

20 Q. Meaning?

21 A. Right. So I would -- we were in  
22 the process of renovating the building. So I  
23 was in charge of coordinating with contractors,  
24 paying payroll, coordinating promotional events.

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1 It was kind of a -- my job description was kind  
2 of broad because we were still so new. We were  
3 kind of trying to define what each role was.  
4 But it was basically what I just said to you  
5 now.

6 Q. And you were not fired from  
7 there?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Were they sorry to see you leave?

10 A. In a way. Me and the owner got  
11 into more or less of an argument. We had both  
12 figured it was both better if I didn't work  
13 there. I didn't want to work there anymore  
14 anyway.

15 Q. Did the argument involve some  
16 personal thing or something else?

17 A. Yes. It was some personal stuff,  
18 too. Different -- just general differences.  
19 And it was just an extremely stressful job. You  
20 know? I mean...

21 Q. What was the Pain Center?

22 A. Pennsylvania Pain & Spine  
23 Institute is a pain management and  
24 rehabilitation center. I was a medical

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1 assistant there. So my job consisted of patient  
2 records. I was a phlebotomist. I would draw  
3 blood. I would operate x-ray machinery, prepare  
4 injections and inject dates for providers. I  
5 was in charge of running various tests on  
6 patients. I would do some injections myself  
7 like B12, testosterone. I had a pretty --  
8 another job with a pretty broad job description.

9 Q. And did you think that this would  
10 help you towards your PA?

11 A. It was, yes. I needed the  
12 clinical hours. So you need a certain amount of  
13 clinical hours in order to even apply. Most  
14 places require like 1,000 to 2,000. I think I  
15 had 1,800 or 2,000 at that time.

16 Q. In order to do the things you  
17 talked about, you need some certifications for  
18 some of those things?

19 A. You needed some training. So in  
20 the State of Pennsylvania you do not necessarily  
21 need a certificate. You don't need to be  
22 certified as a medical assistant to be a medical  
23 assistant. You get training. You are trained  
24 in order to do the position.

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1 But I was in a nursing program at  
2 the time. I had medical background, which is  
3 what really qualified me for the job at the  
4 time. I had -- upon interview there were  
5 questions -- things that I was questioned on  
6 about basic medical background, which I was able  
7 to display that I could qualify as somebody who  
8 has basic medical knowledge.

9 Q. You were not fired from that job.  
10 You also voluntarily left?

11 A. I voluntarily left.

12 Q. Did you leave there to go to  
13 Florida?

14 A. Yes. That's correct.

15 Q. You talked about this quartet at  
16 Princeton. What was that about?

17 A. Yes. So there was a professional  
18 quartet out of Princeton that would sing in each  
19 service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. So a  
20 quartet -- so it was four. It consisted of four  
21 people. And I sang tenor in that quartet.

22 Q. How long of a period of time was  
23 that?

24 A. How long did I have that job?

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1 Q. Yes.

2 A. About a year.

3 Q. From when to when?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. Did you still -- maybe we can  
6 narrow it down. Did you still have that job  
7 when you moved to Florida.

8 A. No. It was pretty much for the  
9 whole year of 2017.

10 Q. For the year after you graduated  
11 from high school?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Were you paid for that?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. So October of 2022 you moved to  
16 Florida?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Did you have a job lined up  
19 before you went down there?

20 A. No.

21 Q. And when you went down you lived  
22 initially with your father?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Does your father work?



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1 A. He's self-employed.

2 Q. What does he do?

3 A. He has his own car restoration  
4 and resell business. So he specializes in  
5 classic cars like GTOs, old Pontiacs. He also  
6 works on newer and modern cars too. Well, he  
7 doesn't work on them. He's kind of like a  
8 middle man. He is like a broker. He brokers  
9 deals essentially.

10 Q. He doesn't have -- does he have a  
11 shop?

12 A. No.

13 Q. He contracts that out?

14 A. Exactly.

15 Q. How long has he done that?

16 A. He has done that since the  
17 entirety of my life.

18 Q. How about your brother? What  
19 does he do?

20 A. He is a software developer.

21 Q. And do you know what your sister  
22 does?

23 A. She is an elementary school  
24 teacher.

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1 Q. So when you moved down to Florida  
2 in October 2022, how long did it take to find a  
3 job?

4 A. A couple months. Right --  
5 literally right before I moved down Hurricane  
6 Ian, I think it was, came through and absolutely  
7 decimated Fort Myers. So nowhere was hiring.  
8 And Fort Myers was the closest idiom of  
9 civilization to us outside of our community.  
10 Because Babcock Ranch is a new community. It's  
11 not very developed yet. It was actually quite  
12 difficult to get a job anywhere doing anything,  
13 which was just bad timing.

14 Q. Were you looking for jobs?

15 A. Yes. I was actively -- I worked  
16 for my dad during that time. He paid me because  
17 I couldn't get a job anywhere.

18 Q. And for your work, you are the  
19 middle man again? You are not working on the  
20 cars?

21 A. No. I'm not working on the cars.  
22 I was more or less like a secretary for my dad  
23 at the time.

24 Q. When was it that you did find

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1 work then?

2 A. It was around November, late  
3 November of 2022. Like around there. It was  
4 about a month after I moved down.

5 Q. Not that long?

6 A. Not that long, no.

7 Q. What did you do then in  
8 November 2022?

9 A. I just -- like the only place  
10 hiring was this pizza shop down the street. I  
11 was delivering pizzas.

12 Q. How long did you to that?

13 A. About up until about February  
14 of 2023.

15 Q. Did you work anywhere else while  
16 you were doing that up until February 2023?

17 A. Other than working with my dad,  
18 no.

19 Q. And what happened in  
20 February 2023 then?

21 A. We were getting ready to move.  
22 And they didn't need me as much. They just  
23 stopped calling me asking me to work. I don't  
24 know. I guess it just wasn't busy.

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1 Q. Was this to move from the west  
2 coast to the east coast?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. What was the reason for the move  
5 from the west coast to the east coast of  
6 Florida, if you know?

7 A. That was actually always the  
8 plan. Actually the plan was when I moved there  
9 we were only -- I was going to move with my  
10 brother to the east coast. But it was taking  
11 longer than expected for someone to buy his  
12 house. And eventually he said, screw it. We  
13 got to go. So he put his house up for rent  
14 instead and we moved.

15 Q. Was his move because of any job  
16 reason or --

17 A. No. He just liked the east coast  
18 more. And so do I. Especially because my whole  
19 plan was to go back to school when I moved down  
20 here. And that is also why I went with him  
21 because of the colleges that were closer on the  
22 east coast. And more opportunities for what I  
23 was really going for.

24 Q. There are a lot more colleges on

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1 the east coast of Florida --

2 A. And programs that apply for what  
3 I'm trying to do. That is correct.

4 MR. COHEN: Joe, is this an all  
5 right time to take a five?

6 MR. SANTARONE: Sure.

7 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the  
8 record. The time is 10:51 a.m.

9 (Discussion held off the record.

10 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the  
11 record. The time is 10:59.

12 BY MR. SANTARONE

13 Q. Picking up where we were --

14 A. Sure.

15 Q. -- I guess one of the questions  
16 is from the time you graduated in June 2016 --  
17 when you graduated in June of 2016, who were you  
18 living with?

19 A. I was living -- actually when I  
20 graduated for those last few weeks there I  
21 actually lived with a friend.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. His name was Aiden Geary. I  
24 lived with him.

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1 Q. Why was it you lived with the  
2 friend?

3 A. Me and my dad had some  
4 disagreements. He was frustrated that I was not  
5 around as much. It actually was about this. He  
6 thought I was spending too much time out of the  
7 home, focusing too much on music, concerned  
8 about my relationship with Dr. Ohrt.

9 Q. And we will get into that.

10 A. Sure.

11 Q. How many months did you live  
12 with --

13 A. That friend?

14 Q. Yes.

15 A. It was a little less than a  
16 month. About three and a half weeks.

17 Q. That was leading you to June --

18 A. That was about a week before  
19 school ended and the last couple weeks after  
20 school ended.

21 Q. Where did you go from there?

22 A. I think I went to live with my  
23 mom.

24 Q. How long was it that you stayed

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1 with your mom? So now we are into like July  
2 of 2016.

3 A. 2016, yeah. I pretty much stayed  
4 with her up until about mid 2018.

5 Q. Where did you go mid 2018?

6 A. I lived with Dr. Ohrt.

7 Q. How long did you live with  
8 Dr. Ohrt?

9 A. Around four to six months. And  
10 then at that point I had gone to school at  
11 Temple. Yeah. And I had an apartment at  
12 Temple. That is why I was not really at his  
13 house after that. But I still was back and  
14 forth sometimes at his house.

15 Q. So we are talking this is two  
16 years after you graduated?

17 A. Yes. That's correct.

18 Q. So two years after you graduated,  
19 you moved in with Dr. Ohrt?

20 A. Yes. A little less than two  
21 years. It was April of 2018.

22 Q. And you lived there until you  
23 started school at Temple?

24 A. About, yeah.

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1 Q. When was that?

2 A. I believe it was August of 2018.  
3 So about four months, yes.

4 Q. Was anybody else living there?

5 A. No.

6 Q. In August of 2018, where did you  
7 go?

8 A. I had an apartment in Temple  
9 called Kardon with a "K."

10 Q. How long did you live at Kardon?

11 A. I lived at Kardon for that year,  
12 that school year. So I left -- I had left that  
13 apartment in about May of 2019.

14 Q. Where did you live in May 2019?

15 A. May of 2019 I was staying in  
16 between a couple of places. I was staying with  
17 a friend who are two twin brothers. They are  
18 life-long friends. Between there and like every  
19 so often if I couldn't stay there I would stay  
20 at Dr. Ohrt's house, I believe. Yes.

21 Q. So from May of 2019 until October  
22 of 2022, in May 2019 you were staying with these  
23 twin brothers?

24 A. Mm-mmh. That's correct.



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1 Q. What are their names?

2 A. Oleg and Eugene Chuzhinin.

3 Q. Were they friends from school

4 or --

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Did they go to CB West?

7 A. They did, yes.

8 Q. Were they your year at CB West?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. And how long did you stay with  
11 them?

12 A. Pretty much for -- on and off for  
13 I would say maybe a couple of months. A couple  
14 of months, yeah. I wound up moving back in with  
15 my mom. I would say from about June of 2019,  
16 right, we are in 2019, June of 2019 until  
17 around -- I don't know. Maybe the beginning of  
18 the fall of 2019.

19 Q. And at times then you went back  
20 to live with Dr. Ohrt during that timeframe?  
21 This is after April of 2018 to August of 2019.

22 A. Right. But very, very brief  
23 stints. If it was an absolute like I was going  
24 to sleep in the street or something.

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1 Q. When you say brief stints, how  
2 many brief stints were there?

3 A. Less than five.

4 Q. Would you stay a night or two or  
5 a week?

6 A. No. It would be like a night.  
7 Like literally going there to stay for the  
8 night, going to bed, and waking up in the  
9 morning and going.

10 Q. When you say the options were to  
11 sleep in the street, is that just kind of  
12 hyperbole? Or you couldn't stay --

13 A. No. Quite literally. I  
14 couldn't -- the thing is that I couldn't stay  
15 with my father --

16 Q. Because of?

17 A. I don't remember if he was in  
18 Florida at the time. There was a reason which  
19 maybe if he wasn't in Florida maybe it was not  
20 that it was physically impossible but that it  
21 was realistically impossible. It was either  
22 that or I couldn't stay with Oleg and Eugene for  
23 one reason or another.

24 But my mother, she was so

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1 unpredictable and unstable at the time. And her  
2 household -- just even her living by herself was  
3 not a good situation. She had a hard time even  
4 taking care of herself. So I really, really,  
5 really, really tried to avoid that just because  
6 it was best for me, too. I did better when I  
7 wasn't there.

8 Q. How about living with one of your  
9 siblings?

10 A. My --

11 Q. Was that an option?

12 A. No. I think my brother lived  
13 decently far away at the time with a  
14 grandparent. And my sister, she had her own --  
15 she was trying to handle her situation herself.  
16 She was in a similar boat in different ways.  
17 Her living situation was complicated, too. So  
18 there was not any real realistic other option,  
19 especially because I was in school at the time.  
20 It would have made a huge difficulty for getting  
21 back and forth from school which was the  
22 priority at the time.

23 Q. So what was the -- do you  
24 remember when approximately the last date was

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1 that you would have stayed in one of these  
2 stints at Dr. Ohrt's house?

3 A. I can't remember the exact date.  
4 I know that there was -- this will give roughly  
5 around the same time to give an idea of the  
6 time. There was a world conference called ACDA  
7 National which is like the Olympics for choir.  
8 And it was after we had come back from Kansas  
9 City where it was being held shortly after which  
10 I stopped staying at his house entirely. So it  
11 was around that time, whenever that was, it  
12 could have been mid 2019. Honestly, I have a  
13 hard time remembering. I believe it was around  
14 mid 2019 which would be when school ended, too.

15 Q. What is ACDA?

16 A. ACDA -- I forget what the acronym  
17 stands for. But, you know, again, to -- if I  
18 were to compare it to something it's like the  
19 Olympics for choir. Every year they hold it in  
20 a different country around the world. Every  
21 year they hold it in a different state in the  
22 United States. But every four years, I believe,  
23 they hold it in a different country around the  
24 world where choirs from all around the world

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1 will gather at this convention, almost -- not a  
2 competition but sort of, unofficially a  
3 competition. It's really just an opportunity  
4 for choirs to perform. But that is pretty much  
5 what it is.

6 Q. Do they have winners --

7 A. Sort of, yes.

8 Q. -- for the competition?

9 A. They do.

10 Q. And were you there for CB West?

11 A. No. I was there for myself  
12 because I had written a piece of music that was  
13 one of my first published pieces. The person  
14 that wrote the text is a world famous writer for  
15 choral composers. And it was a big deal for me  
16 at the time.

17 And I realistically had to go  
18 because everybody who was anybody was there. So  
19 it was a perfect networking opportunity. I  
20 would have been a fool not to go there.

21 Q. And this is mid 2019? Like the  
22 summer of 2019?

23 A. Early to mid 2019. I remember  
24 because it was very cold. Kansas City is cold

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1 anyway up until the summer. It was anywhere  
2 between early to mid 2019.

3 Q. How old are you at this point?

4 A. 22, I believe. Or turning 22. I  
5 was turning 22 that year. So I was 21 at the  
6 time.

7 Q. Did something happen out there  
8 that then you didn't stay?

9 A. Yes. Something happened out  
10 there that made me cease -- virtually cease all  
11 contact with Dr. Ohrt very shortly after.

12 Q. What happened out there?

13 A. He molested me.

14 Q. And you were 21 at the time?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Tell me what happened.

17 A. On the last night of the  
18 performances we had gone to a party in this  
19 gentleman named Charles Bruffy's (ph) penthouse.  
20 He is a Grammy-award winning conductor and  
21 composer and director. And at that party there  
22 was alcohol. There was marijuana.

23 And I had got -- I had drank way  
24 too much. I was intoxicated. And I smoked pot

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1 and got extremely tired. So I went to my bed to  
2 go to sleep. And the next morning I woke up and  
3 looked over. And he was in the bed laying next  
4 to me, which didn't make sense at the time. We  
5 were not -- I don't think we were supposed to  
6 sleep in the same bed.

7 Q. Were you sleeping in the same  
8 room, though?

9 A. He came and slept in the same  
10 room I was sleeping in. But we weren't supposed  
11 to. I was supposed to sleep in a separate area  
12 as him.

13 Q. Was this a hotel?

14 A. No. It was a penthouse.

15 Q. It was at the person's penthouse?

16 A. Mm-mmh. And I had realized at  
17 first I thought I was dreaming. But I realized  
18 that the night before he had come in some point  
19 and he had put his hands under my pants and was  
20 attempting to masturbate me.

21 And I recalled turning over  
22 trying to get away from him and then kind of  
23 slipping back out of consciousness again in and  
24 out, you know, coming back into consciousness

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1 and remembering him having his hands under my  
2 pants again on my buttocks and then falling  
3 asleep again.

4 And, you know, at this point in  
5 the morning when I woke up I realized it was not  
6 a dream and it actually happened. And I didn't  
7 say anything to him. He didn't even know that I  
8 knew pretty much until we touched down back in  
9 Pennsylvania later that day. And I told him  
10 that I knew what happened and I didn't want to  
11 talk to him ever again.

12 Q. What did he say?

13 A. He didn't say anything. He just  
14 kind of shook his head and was quiet.

15 Q. And as far as what you believe  
16 happened, you described your condition at the  
17 time, how positive are you that that did happen?

18 A. 100 percent.

19 Q. And that type of behavior then  
20 caused you to say, hey, I'm not going to see  
21 this man anymore? We will break this off?

22 A. At that point, you know, after  
23 that happening at that time, yes, yes.

24 Q. It was that behavior that caused



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1 you to say, I am not going to see this person  
2 anymore?

3 A. Yes. After everything that led  
4 up that point and that happening, yes, correct.  
5 And he did admit to it as well when we were back  
6 in Pennsylvania.

7 Q. You said -- you said --

8 A. He didn't say anything at that  
9 moment. But we talked about it again briefly  
10 after that point in which he apologized very,  
11 you know, subtly.

12 Q. How long after that that you had  
13 this conversation? You land in Pennsylvania.  
14 How long it is that you talk to him about this  
15 again after you said that was going to be the  
16 end of it?

17 A. I believe it was same day.

18 Q. Where did that occur?

19 A. At his home.

20 Q. So you went to his home?

21 A. When we had gotten back to  
22 Pennsylvania, yes, we went back to his home  
23 because all of my things were there. We went to  
24 this trip together.

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1 Q. What did he say to you? What did  
2 you say to him?

3 A. Right. So initially mentioned  
4 that I knew what had happened after we got back,  
5 that I didn't want to talk to him anymore. He  
6 subtilely acknowledged what I had said, didn't  
7 fight me on that. Later throughout the day at  
8 some point in his home I brought it up to him  
9 again something to the effect of, How could you  
10 do that? What if I never even said anything to  
11 you and you thought I wouldn't have known? What  
12 would you have done? Would you ever have told  
13 me that you did that?

14 If I didn't recall, would you  
15 ever even mention that that had happened? He  
16 really didn't have many words to say. He didn't  
17 answer that question. He just pretty much said,  
18 I'm sorry. Very, very few words came out of his  
19 mouth in response.

20 Q. How long did you stay at his  
21 house that day? You said later that day?

22 A. I believe that day I left to go  
23 to a friend's house to hang out with them. I  
24 didn't tell anybody what happened. I did tell

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1 somebody that that incident had occurred later  
2 that week.

3 Q. Who did you tell later that week?

4 A. Her name is Peyton Groth. I am  
5 recalling now this had to have been between  
6 March and April.

7 Q. Of?

8 A. 2019, yes. It would have been  
9 around May that I had not stayed at his house  
10 again.

11 Q. So it would have been May that  
12 you had not stayed at his house again?

13 A. Correct. So in between that  
14 April and May I stayed at his house maybe a  
15 handful of times.

16 Q. After this incident happened in  
17 Kansas City you stayed at his house a couple  
18 more times?

19 A. That is correct.

20 Q. Did anything happen on the times  
21 you stayed at his house a couple more times  
22 after that?

23 A. No. Not to my knowledge.

24 Q. So the last time you stayed at

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1 his house is May of 2019? Or is it later now?

2 A. Around there. No. Still the  
3 same. Around May. No later than May.

4 Q. Have you had any contact with him  
5 since then?

6 A. Twice.

7 Q. What happened after that?

8 A. The first and only -- the first  
9 time that I had contact with him out of the two  
10 times I just mentioned was around the fall of  
11 2020 -- this was during COVID. I had just  
12 bought a new car about a year ago. I was  
13 driving home from somewhere. I was driving  
14 through Doylestown Borough to get home.

15 And it was pouring down rain out.  
16 It was very, very cold out. And I noticed that  
17 he was walking on a sidewalk in Doylestown  
18 Borough without any real coat, anything on like  
19 that. And I remember thinking that he is  
20 probably stranded. And I felt as a human being  
21 I would feel like a POS if I didn't at least  
22 pull over and ask if he was okay.

23 He was obviously very far from  
24 wherever he needed to be that I could imagine.

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1 And I asked him what he was doing. And very,  
2 very few words. I said, What are you doing  
3 here? He said, I need to get to Zygmunt Motors  
4 to get my car -- which was about a two-mile  
5 walk. I said, okay. I will take you there. So  
6 I drove him up the road to Zygmunt Motors and  
7 dropped him off. That was that.

8 Q. Any conversation in the car?

9 A. No. None. It was like silent.  
10 And the second time I had contact with him I had  
11 reached out to him to ask if he had copies of  
12 music that I had written over email. That was  
13 it.

14 Q. Did he get back to you?

15 A. I think so. I think he said he  
16 didn't have it.

17 Q. At this conference in Kansas City  
18 you described your drinking and smoking  
19 marijuana. Had he been drinking also?

20 A. And smoking marijuana, yes.

21 Q. Did you notice -- were you able  
22 to determine whether or not he was visibly  
23 intoxicated?

24 A. Yes. And he was.

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1 Q. We talked about your plans on  
2 going back to school. Since you moved to  
3 Florida, what kind of work have you done?

4 A. I had two main jobs -- since I  
5 moved to Palm Beach Gardens? Just to clarify.

6 Q. Right. We are now on the east  
7 coast.

8 A. Correct. After I moved to Palm  
9 Beach Gardens in about February or March, I had  
10 gotten a job as a server at a restaurant called  
11 Fire Fin Grill. For the first six months I was  
12 a server. For the second half of that year, or  
13 the year that I was -- year and a half I was  
14 working there I was the assistant general  
15 manager.

16 Q. So after six months you were  
17 promoted?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Why did you leave there?

20 A. I just didn't like the job. It  
21 was -- there was a lot of -- a lot of -- it was  
22 one of the most poorly run restaurants that I  
23 ever worked for. The owner made it difficult to  
24 do my job.

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1 By the time that I left I was the  
2 last person who was there since the time that I  
3 started. So from the time that I started to the  
4 time I left everyone who I originally knew was  
5 already gone. People were not applying. They  
6 didn't want to work there. They knew the issues  
7 with it. And I tried to stick it out. But for  
8 my own physical health and mental health, I had  
9 to leave.

10 Q. As the assistant general manager,  
11 you were not able to turn it around?

12 A. No, no.

13 Q. Where did you go from there?

14 A. I got a job as a server at Tap 42  
15 in Palm Beach Gardens where I still currently  
16 work.

17 Q. You are a server there?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. And as a server at a bar, do you  
20 make as much money or more than you would as a  
21 manager --

22 A. I make more money than I did  
23 managing, yes. I am sorry to cut you off.

24 Q. That's okay.

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1 And that is with tips?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Do you still plan on working at  
4 this Tap 42 when you start school?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Just as -- it's a part-time job?

7 A. It's a full-time job.

8 Q. Would you keep it full-time when  
9 you go to school?

10 A. Maybe. I have worked two jobs  
11 full-time while taking full credits at school  
12 before. And I've done it and finished. But if  
13 I have to do it again I will. I wouldn't like  
14 to. But you got to do what you got to do.

15 Q. As far as your sexuality. How do  
16 you identify?

17 A. Straight.

18 Q. And are you involved in any  
19 relationship with anyone?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Who is that?

22 A. Her name is Lyndsey Golata (ph).

23 Q. She is from Florida?

24 A. She is from New Jersey. She



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1 lives in Florida, correct.

2 Q. How long have you gone out with  
3 her?

4 A. About three months.

5 Q. Did you know her from up here or  
6 did met her --

7 A. No. I met her in Florida.

8 Q. And before her, did you have  
9 regular girlfriends?

10 A. For the past three years I  
11 abstained from dating because I had two major  
12 relationships which lasted half of my life. So,  
13 yeah, my first girlfriend was 12 to 20. And my  
14 second one was 21 to 24. So after that I had to  
15 take some time.

16 Q. 12 to 20?

17 A. 12 to 20, yes.

18 Q. Did you know her from school?

19 A. Elementary school, yes.

20 Q. And what was her name?

21 A. Chloe Grau.

22 Q. And what led to that break up?

23 A. She went to school. She  
24 started -- we just grew apart.

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1 Q. Did she go away to school?

2 A. She did go away to school, yes.

3 We kind of grew apart. Difference in the way

4 that we viewed things. I still appreciate her.

5 She was very good to me. Don't get me wrong.

6 But, yeah. And so then I dated Peyton. And

7 after that I had some flings in between.

8 Q. I am sorry.

9 A. Sure. So then after that the

10 other girl's name was Peyton.

11 Q. Is this the Peyton that you were

12 texting with?

13 A. Yes. That's correct.

14 Q. She went to school with you?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. How long did you go out with

17 Peyton?

18 A. For about three years.

19 Q. So how long after age 20 did you

20 start dating Peyton?

21 A. About -- yeah. Probably from a

22 little after I turned -- it was a little after I

23 turned 21, yes.

24 Q. Were you and Peyton -- did you

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1 date at all in high school?

2 A. We talked a little bit but we  
3 didn't date, no.

4 Q. What caused the break up with  
5 Peyton?

6 A. Infidelity on her part.

7 Q. How was it that you found out  
8 about that?

9 A. She told me.

10 Q. So then you start dating Peyton  
11 when you are about -- the other one was 12 to  
12 20. You started dating Peyton when you were 20  
13 or 21?

14 A. 21.

15 Q. 21 to --

16 A. About 24.

17 Q. And then the girl you are  
18 currently dating -- what is her name?

19 A. Lyndsey.

20 Q. You started dating Lyndsey when  
21 you were?

22 A. Still 26.

23 Q. Did you date anybody between  
24 Peyton and Lyndsey?

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1           A.       I had a couple of flings. The  
2 only other girl I would say I dated's name was  
3 Scarlet, Scarlet White.

4           Q.       What caused your break up with  
5 Scarlet White?

6           A.       We just -- I didn't think it was  
7 a good match.

8           Q.       Did you date Scarlet -- was that  
9 in Florida?

10          A.       Yes.

11          Q.       Dr. Ohrt knew you were straight  
12 and knew who you were dating in high school?

13          A.       Yes.

14          Q.       What was -- was Dr. Ohrt -- what  
15 did you know about his personal life? Was he  
16 married?

17          A.       I knew that he was married  
18 before. The only things I really knew about  
19 his -- do you mean while I was in school or  
20 after school?

21          Q.       Right. While you were in school.

22          A.       So while I was in school I  
23 actually didn't know. I knew he had a son. But  
24 I knew from inference and deductive reasoning

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1 that he probably was not married anymore. I  
2 didn't know much about his personal life to be  
3 honest with you other than things that he would  
4 tell me about his past like as a child, some  
5 childhood things.

6 Q. Did you ever meet his son?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. How many times did you meet the  
9 son?

10 A. In school -- while I was in  
11 school less -- like three times. Maybe less  
12 than that.

13 Q. How about after school? After  
14 you graduated?

15 A. Yeah. Maybe, again, maybe three  
16 times.

17 Q. Where did you meet the three  
18 times after you graduated.

19 A. After I graduated I had seen him  
20 once at Dr. Ohrt's home during a Thanksgiving  
21 get-together. And another time -- honestly I  
22 don't remember. I only really remember the one  
23 time at a Thanksgiving get-together.

24 The other times -- even if it was

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1 like two maybe. It was like nothing remarkable  
2 happening at the time that I can recall. Maybe  
3 he was just around or something. I don't know.

4 Q. You've never been married?

5 A. No.

6 Q. No children?

7 A. No.

8 Q. When you were in grade school --  
9 which I guess would be 1st to 2nd grade?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. How did you do grade-wise?

12 A. I did, you know, average. I  
13 never really liked school. I'd say As and Bs,  
14 the occasional C.

15 Q. Did the situation at home with  
16 your mother, did that affect your grades at all?

17 A. It had. When I was in middle  
18 school it did have an effect on that, yes.

19 Q. How about in high school, so  
20 2012 and 2013 would be 9th grade, what kind of  
21 grades did you get in 9th grade?

22 MR. TARNOWSKI: Just objection.

23 Just because 9th grade has been established  
24 as part of a middle school.

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1 MR. SANTARONE: You are right.

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3 Q. Good point. How about --

4 A. So in high school? Right.

5 Q. Yes. Let's talk about high  
6 school now. You know what, specifically to 9th  
7 grade, were you still getting the same type of  
8 grades? As and Bs, you said?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And were those grades affected at  
11 all by your -- what was going on in your home?

12 A. At times.

13 Q. So you think you would have done  
14 better than As and Bs?

15 A. Yeah. Well, I mean, yes. Yes.  
16 But, I mean, it didn't change the fact that I  
17 just got bored by school to be honest with you.  
18 That fact would have still existed regardless.  
19 But, yeah, I think it's fair to say, yes.

20 Q. When you were in grade school or  
21 middle school, were you involved in any type of  
22 musical endeavors?

23 A. No. I always liked music. I  
24 grew up in a musical family. But I also grew up

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1 in a very strong wrestling family. So it was  
2 really wrestling. My dad was a wrestler. Both  
3 of his brothers, you know? My mom's side, they  
4 all wrestled. It was really wrestling.

5 Q. Did you wrestle?

6 A. I did.

7 Q. What years did you wrestle?

8 A. I wrestled from kindergarten  
9 until 9th grade or a little before kindergarten  
10 until 9th grade. I wrestled for Central Bucks  
11 East, which is another high school. I wrestled  
12 for the high school when I was in middle school.  
13 But I tore my posterior labrum in my left  
14 shoulder. So I stopped.

15 Q. That ended your career?

16 A. Yes. More or less. I also  
17 wanted to pursue other things. I wanted to  
18 pursue music and my dad was supportive of that  
19 at the time.

20 Q. Your dad at some point became not  
21 supportive of music?

22 A. No. What I really mean when I  
23 say that is that before then he was very adamant  
24 on me wrestling and didn't want me to stop,



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1 which I understand. There is a lot of --

2 Q. Family tradition?

3 A. Yeah. And there is a lot of life  
4 lessons to be learned from wrestling that I  
5 appreciate to this day. At the time I didn't  
6 appreciate it until I got older. But, no, he  
7 always has kind of been supportive of me doing  
8 music. It was really that he was not fond of  
9 circumstances around it in high school.

10 Q. So when the time comes to go to  
11 high school in 10th grade, do you have a choice  
12 as to where you are going to go to high school?

13 A. I did have a choice.

14 Q. How do you have a choice?

15 A. Because my father lived in the  
16 territory of Central Bucks East and my mother  
17 lived in Doylestown Borough, which is Central  
18 Bucks West territory. So I had the option of  
19 either/or.

20 Q. At the time who were you living  
21 with, though?

22 A. I was living with mom. When I  
23 went into high school I was living with mom.

24 Q. What kind of grades did you have

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1 in high school?

2 A. As, Bs and Cs.

3 Q. When you were in high school, did  
4 you take the SATs?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. How did you do in those?

7 A. I did good. I can't remember the  
8 score exactly. But it was good.

9 Q. Have you ever been hospitalized  
10 at all?

11 A. Yes. Yes, for physical ailments.  
12 I am trying to remember. The most recent I was  
13 hospitalized for pancreatitis. That was in  
14 March of 2024. Before then I had been  
15 hospitalized for -- when you say hospitalized,  
16 do you mean as a patient staying overnight or  
17 just going to a hospital?

18 Q. Or having to go to the emergency  
19 room?

20 A. Yes. I have been to the hospital  
21 before. But the only time I had really been  
22 staying like hospitalized as an inpatient was  
23 for pancreatitis.

24 Q. How about when you tore your

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1 shoulder?

2 A. I had seen an orthopod. His name  
3 was Dr. Boylan.

4 Q. Ever any psychiatric hospitals?

5 A. No. Like 302s?

6 Q. Anything.

7 A. No. No nothing like that.

8 Q. Any psychiatric treatment ever?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. For what?

11 A. Do you mean psychiatric or  
12 psychological?

13 Q. Well, either one. Did you ever  
14 have any -- let's go back to the problems with  
15 your family and your mother.

16 Did you ever have any family  
17 therapy or counseling because of issues with  
18 your family?

19 A. Yes. Yes, we had.

20 Q. When was that? Maybe it's  
21 better -- do you remember what grade you were  
22 in?

23 A. Right. I recall it being in  
24 middle school, I believe. The end of middle

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1 school I think we did some family therapy.

2 Q. Was it before or after your  
3 parents actually separated?

4 A. Around the same time.

5 Q. So before the divorce?

6 A. Yes. It was before the divorce.  
7 That's correct.

8 Q. Did you attend those family  
9 therapy sessions?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. How many of them did you go to;  
12 do you remember?

13 A. There might have only been a few.  
14 I think it was difficult for my sister, too.  
15 They were unsuccessful.

16 Q. Does you sister have any issues  
17 besides -- does she have psychiatric issues?

18 A. She does, yes.

19 Q. Does she have substance abuse  
20 issues?

21 A. She has, yes.

22 Q. Has she been in treatment for  
23 that?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. How about your brother, does he  
2 have any substance abuse issues?

3 A. No.

4 Q. How about you?

5 A. I have.

6 Q. Have you been in treatment for  
7 substance abuse?

8 A. For IOP, yes. I was never an  
9 inpatient.

10 Q. And going back then, have you had  
11 any other -- besides this family therapy we are  
12 talking about, what other counseling, therapist,  
13 psychiatric treatment have you had?

14 A. Right. I have -- after the  
15 criminal trial I was reached out to by NOVA,  
16 which is Network of Victim Assistance. They  
17 offer free services for those who are victims of  
18 I think -- I don't know if it's limited to just  
19 SA or other things like that or like sexual  
20 assaults and stuff. I don't know what their  
21 scope is. But I worked with them.

22 Q. NOVA, that was through Bucks  
23 County?

24 A. That's correct.

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1 Q. That would have been what year?

2 A. That would have been 2022.

3 Q. How many times did you meet with  
4 NOVA?

5 A. Around six.

6 Q. In-person meetings?

7 A. Yes, correct.

8 Q. Do you know who you met with?

9 A. I think her name was Sidney. I  
10 can't recall her name. I think it was Sidney.  
11 I don't know her last name.

12 Q. Did talking to Sidney help you?

13 A. Well, I didn't -- I don't really  
14 like -- I always had a hard time with therapy  
15 because I have a hard time opening up about  
16 things. When it was getting to the point where  
17 we were starting to dig into it, I just didn't  
18 even want to get into it. Looking back maybe it  
19 would have been beneficial to stay. But it was  
20 really difficult to do that.

21 Q. And how was it that NOVA came to  
22 contact you; do you know?

23 A. I think -- I don't know if there  
24 is like legislation around this, if they have to

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1 or at least in the county. But when they are  
2 dealing with victims of this nature, they are  
3 automatically contacted and told to reach out to  
4 victims of those cases and offer their services.  
5 So they reached out to me through I believe the  
6 police department.

7 Q. Okay. Prior to this six sessions  
8 or so with NOVA, did you have any -- other than  
9 the family counseling we talked about, any other  
10 counseling, therapy, treatment?

11 A. Yes. So when I was in -- in 2017  
12 I had gone into an IOP which is an intensive  
13 outpatient program for substance use. And a  
14 part of that program is psychological treatment.

15 Q. Where did that take place?

16 A. That took place in Doylestown in  
17 the township outside of the borough in -- I  
18 can't remember the name of the plaza. It's off  
19 of 202. And I don't believe they are still a  
20 functioning facility at this point. But I was  
21 there for about three months.

22 Q. You said it was outpatient,  
23 though?

24 A. Correct. I would attend it for

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1 about three months.

2 Q. Okay. And this would have been  
3 the year after your graduation?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. What was the substances that you  
6 were abusing?

7 A. It was mainly cocaine. It was a  
8 brief stint with that one.

9 Q. When did you start using cocaine?

10 A. Like two months before that.

11 Q. And did your use of cocaine lead  
12 to any arrest or any problems with the law?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Prior to that -- you gave up  
15 cocaine?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. But you continued to drink and  
18 smoke marijuana?

19 A. No, not really. I was never  
20 really much of a drinker. I did smoke marijuana  
21 frequently growing up. But at that point I  
22 didn't really smoke marijuana very often.

23 Q. When did you start smoking  
24 marijuana?



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1 A. When I was 13.

2 Q. Did you smoke marijuana regularly  
3 from age 13 to a certain age?

4 A. Yes, I did. And it was until  
5 around 20, the age of 20.

6 Q. So from the age of 13 to 20 you  
7 smoked marijuana regularly?

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. That would have been  
10 corresponding with the years you went out with  
11 that one girlfriend?

12 A. Yes. Correct.

13 Q. Did she also smoke marijuana a  
14 lot?

15 A. She did occasionally. She did  
16 not smoke a lot, though. She didn't really use  
17 many -- much of anything. She would smoke  
18 occasionally.

19 Q. How about alcohol?

20 A. For her or for me?

21 Q. For you?

22 A. Alcohol was never really a thing  
23 with me or for me. I never really drank often.  
24 Leading up to my hospitalization for

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1 pancreatitis, the four months leading up to that  
2 I was drinking frequently.

3 Q. And did those records -- was  
4 there some reference to alcohol abuse as being  
5 one of the causes of the pancreatitis?

6 A. Yes, that's correct.

7 Q. That was just in -- that was  
8 recent, right?

9 A. Yes. That was about back in  
10 April.

11 Q. So in April of 2024, this  
12 hospitalization, you started drinking you said  
13 heavily about four months before that?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. What brought that on?

16 A. It started off as -- sorry. Were  
17 you going to say something?

18 Q. I am just saying so like January  
19 '24? The holidays --

20 A. Yes. The holidays, right. It  
21 started as something where you get off work and  
22 have a couple drinks and then go meet up with  
23 friends and go home, get off work, have a couple  
24 drinks, go home. The next day maybe go to the

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1 beach and hang out with some friends and have  
2 some drinks. Then slowly it just kind of turned  
3 into a thing before I knew it I was like, wow,  
4 I'm drinking a lot. And then it happened. And  
5 after that I drink very infrequently now.

6 Q. Was that your first bout of  
7 pancreatitis?

8 A. Yes. That's correct.

9 Q. The cocaine use that you talked  
10 about in 2017, who introduced you to cocaine?

11 A. A friend who was not really a  
12 friend. Someone I knew.

13 Q. Did you remain friends with that  
14 person?

15 A. No.

16 Q. But as far as drinking, you still  
17 drink a little bit today?

18 A. Every so often. Like once a  
19 week, once every couple weeks.

20 Q. Do you have a concern about  
21 drinking at all based on your family history?

22 A. Of course. You know? Like  
23 any -- like anyone who has that in their family  
24 history it's something to be aware of and it's

1 something that I'm aware of and I monitor.

2 Q. So other than that intensive  
3 outpatient program we talked about and the  
4 family therapy that you had when you were in  
5 middle school, any other counseling? Therapy?

6 A. Yes. One other.

7 Q. When was that?

8 A. In I believe it was my 9th grade  
9 year.

10 Q. What was that about?

11 A. I had gotten into my mom's  
12 Klonopin which is a benzodiazepine. Kind of  
13 like Xanax or Ativan. And I fell asleep on her  
14 couch. It's so dumb to think about. I fell  
15 asleep on our couch. And she woke me up and was  
16 concerned, brought me to the hospital.

17 I left the same day. And that  
18 scared her. So she told my dad. And my mother  
19 and dad told me I needed to go to an outpatient  
20 program which I attended for about a month. And  
21 then I completed it on good standing, good work.

22 Q. Do you remember where that  
23 outpatient program was?

24 A. No. I remember the location

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1 generally. But I don't remember the name of it.

2 Q. Where was the location generally?

3 A. There is an Outback off of 202 in  
4 Furlong, Pennsylvania. It's in the building  
5 right next to the Outback.

6 Q. And that was outpatient again?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Anything else besides those ones  
9 that we just covered?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Any plans to go to any type of  
12 counseling or therapy right now?

13 A. I believe it's something I should  
14 be getting back into.

15 Q. You have no appointments and have  
16 not done anything --

17 A. None scheduled right now.

18 Q. Have you contacted any doctors  
19 about that?

20 A. I have spoken with my primary  
21 care physician about it.

22 Q. Who is your primary care doctor?

23 A. Her name is Dr. Anna Abel.

24 Q. Is she in Florida?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What city is she in?

3 A. She is located in Palm Beach  
4 Gardens and West Palm Beach. I don't know which  
5 one is her main office.

6 Q. Which one do you go to?

7 A. I go to the one in Palm Beach  
8 Gardens.

9 Q. How long has she been your family  
10 doctor?

11 A. She has been my PCP since --  
12 which means primary care physician -- since I  
13 want to say mid 2023, around there.

14 Q. Who was your family doctor before  
15 that?

16 A. It would have been one of two.  
17 It would have been Dr. Myers or Katie Dubiel who  
18 is a PA.

19 Q. Where are they located?

20 A. Doylestown Health Internal  
21 Medicine.

22 Q. How long was Doylestown Health  
23 Internal Medicine your primary care physicians?

24 A. I guess since 2013 about. I was

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1 seeing a pediatrician before that.

2 Q. Did you ever discuss any  
3 emotional or psychiatric issues with Doylestown  
4 Health Internal Medicine?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. About family issues or other  
7 things?

8 A. Well, about mental effects that  
9 had been brought on and exacerbated by the  
10 situation with Dr. Ohrt.

11 Q. So you told your Doylestown  
12 Health --

13 A. No.

14 Q. -- Internal Medicine about  
15 Dr. Ohrt?

16 A. No. But they were things that  
17 were as a result of that. But I didn't disclose  
18 that to them.

19 Q. Did they ask you what the source  
20 of the issue of your problems were?

21 A. Yes. But, you know, I kind of  
22 danced around it.

23 Q. Did you talk to them at all about  
24 the problems with your family?

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1 A. Some of them knew about the  
2 problems with my family already.

3 Q. How would they have known that?

4 A. They see my mother as well.

5 Q. Have you ever been prescribed any  
6 psychiatric medicine?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What have you been prescribed?

9 A. When you say psychiatric, do you  
10 mean like psychoactive?

11 Q. You've been diagnosed with ADHD?

12 A. That is correct.

13 Q. Is that the medicine you are  
14 talking about?

15 A. It's one of them, yes. I am  
16 sorry. I want to make sure I am answering your  
17 questions correctly.

18 Q. And there was a list supplied in  
19 your answers to discovery. And we can go  
20 through that.

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. But when were you diagnosed with  
23 ADHD?

24 A. I was young. I was about 7 or 8



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1 years old, maybe younger than that actually.

2 Q. And when did you start taking  
3 medication for that?

4 A. Around the same time. I think I  
5 started taking Concerta -- to my memory, to the  
6 best of my recollection, I first started taking  
7 ADHD medication when I was 8 or 9.

8 Q. Have you taken it continuously?

9 A. No. I am sorry. Were you about  
10 to ask a follow-up question?

11 Q. Were there breaks? Or did you go  
12 back to it?

13 A. Yes. There were breaks. I  
14 discontinued the Concerta after a couple years  
15 because I didn't want to be on a medication. I  
16 didn't like the way it made me feel. So we  
17 discontinued the Concerta.

18 And then in around 2011 I had  
19 gone back on ADHD medication. But I was put on  
20 Adderall instead. And I was on Adderall for  
21 about a year and then discontinued all ADHD  
22 medication until 2021. And I went back on  
23 Adderall again.

24 Q. When you discontinued that, was

1 that against doctor's advice? Or did you do it  
2 on your own?

3 A. Yes. I would say they  
4 recommended that I stay on it. But I didn't  
5 want to stay on it.

6 Q. Are you currently on it?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Does that control the symptoms?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What are the symptoms you have  
11 when you have ADHD when you don't take the  
12 medication?

13 A. Definitely a deficit in my  
14 attention, short-term and long-term. I would  
15 say losing things frequently, forgetting about  
16 obligations, general difficulty concentrating,  
17 restlessness.

18 Q. Has it affected you, though, in  
19 any of your jobs that you had as far as you've  
20 never been terminated, right?

21 A. No, no. I wouldn't say that it's  
22 necessarily affected jobs that I had, no.

23 Q. Besides the Adderall, any other  
24 medications you are taking now?

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1 A. Right now? No. But I have been  
2 on other psychiatric medications in the past.

3 Q. What psychiatric medicine?

4 A. Sure. Do you want me to start  
5 with one and kind of --

6 Q. Starting from current timeframe.

7 A. From where we are moving  
8 backwards? The last psychiatric medications I  
9 was prescribed were Zoloft, which I did not  
10 take; Xanax for a short period of time; and  
11 Ambien for a short period of time.

12 Q. The Zoloft, who prescribed that  
13 to you?

14 A. Dr. Wei Shen.

15 Q. Where is Dr. Wei Shen from?

16 A. Doylestown Health Internal  
17 Medicine.

18 Q. And you never took that?

19 A. No.

20 Q. What was the reason you never  
21 took it?

22 A. I have a strong disposition  
23 against SSRIs.

24 Q. The Xanax, short period of

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1 time --

2 A. Short period of time. About a  
3 month.

4 Q. Why did you stop taking that?

5 A. The panic attacks sort of  
6 subsided. They came back again. But I found  
7 ways to handle it without relying on that. And  
8 I don't like the idea of taking benzos  
9 long-term.

10 Q. And Ambien is for sleep?

11 A. Yes. I was prescribed that  
12 around the same time as Xanax.

13 Q. What timeframe is that?

14 A. It would have been early 2022.

15 Q. When did you -- you talked about  
16 panic attacks. When did you first have a panic  
17 attack?

18 A. First significant one was early  
19 2022.

20 Q. Were you living in Florida at the  
21 time?

22 A. I was living in Pennsylvania at  
23 the time.

24 Q. What brought on that panic attack

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1 in 2022?

2 A. At the time it came on rather  
3 suddenly. But I guess just thinking about  
4 certain things at the time, you know, the  
5 criminal case was going on, a lot of flashbacks.

6 They usually start as flashbacks  
7 or other things of the like. And then it just  
8 progressively would get worse and worse and  
9 worse until it got to a point where I couldn't  
10 go back from that mental state I was in.

11 Sometimes it would get so intense I would pass  
12 out. That is why they prescribed the Xanax.

13 Q. This panic attack, the first one,  
14 would have been well after that trip to Kansas  
15 City?

16 A. That panic attack, yes. That  
17 significant one, yes. I would get anxiety  
18 before then.

19 Q. As a result -- so panic attacks  
20 in 2020, you said the major one had to do with  
21 the criminal case?

22 A. It was -- yes. More or less,  
23 yes. That's correct.

24 MR. COHEN: Objection. He said

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1 2022.

2 THE WITNESS: Right. 2022.

3 BY MR. SANTARONE

4 Q. So that was after the criminal  
5 case or before?

6 A. That was after the criminal case.

7 Q. Did you testify at the criminal  
8 case?

9 A. No. I did not. I gave a Victim  
10 Impact Statement.

11 Q. Did you come up for the trial?

12 MR. COHEN: Objection. What  
13 trial?

14 MR. SANTARONE: The criminal  
15 trial of Ohrt.

16 MR. COHEN: There wasn't a trial.

17 BY MR. SANTARONE

18 Q. Well, the hearing. Did you come  
19 up for anything for that?

20 A. The only thing I came up for was  
21 the sentencing.

22 Q. Were you one of the victims?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And what charges were there

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1 regarding you, if you recall?

2 A. Regarding me specifically?

3 Q. Yes.

4 A. Invasion of privacy and  
5 possession of intercept communications.

6 MR. COHEN: Is it time to take --

7 I am sorry.

8 BY MR. SANTARONE

9 Q. What was the possession of  
10 intercept communications?

11 MR. COHEN: Is this a good time  
12 to take a short break?

13 THE WITNESS: Yeah. That's fine.

14 MR. SANTARONE: I want to get  
15 through this first. Just this part of it.

16 THE WITNESS: Do you mind if I  
17 use the restroom real quick? I was about  
18 to ask. This is my second cup of coffee.

19 MR. COHEN: That's fine.

20 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This will  
21 conclude DVD No. 1. We are now going off  
22 the record with the time reading 11:55 a.m.

23 (Discussion held off the record.)  
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1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now  
2 back on the record. This is DVD No. 2.  
3 The time on the record is 12:01 p.m.

4 BY MR. SANTARONE

5 Q. At the time we took a break you  
6 were talking about that you were one of the  
7 complainants or the victims in the criminal  
8 complaint against Joseph Ohrt?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. And the charges that related to  
11 you, you gave two charges. What were they  
12 again?

13 A. Yes. They were multiple counts  
14 of the -- it was invasion of privacy and  
15 possession of intercept communications.

16 Q. What did the possession of  
17 intercept communications involve?

18 A. So there were a few counts of  
19 that because there were a few of them. What  
20 they were were surreptitious recording devices  
21 which they -- one of them was an outlet in the  
22 wall which was I believe a partially functioning  
23 outlet in which one of the contacts or  
24 contactors had a camera in it which would in



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1 realtime send a live feed of everything that it  
2 was seeing to his laptop on an SD card.

3 There were multiple of those,  
4 other wall unit chargers, and an alarm clock  
5 that had a camera in it as well which are  
6 obviously surreptitious devices.

7 Q. Where were those located?

8 A. In the room that I was staying  
9 in.

10 Q. Where?

11 A. At Dr. Ohrt's home.

12 Q. This would have all been after  
13 you graduated?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. What was the invasion of privacy?

16 A. Because that's an -- I don't mean  
17 that sarcastically.

18 Q. No. I mean, same thing?

19 A. Exactly. The recording of me  
20 without my knowledge in that room was an  
21 invasion of privacy.

22 Q. And that was also after you  
23 graduated?

24 A. Correct. Yes, sir.

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1 Q. Did you ever see these tapes?

2 A. The detectives had -- with  
3 Central Bucks Regional had disclosed to me  
4 physically copies of still shots from the live  
5 feed in order -- for the sake of confirming that  
6 that was, one, me in those videos and/or  
7 snapshots or time shots of those videos. But  
8 also to confirm as to whether or not I was aware  
9 of them. I've only seen a few still shots of  
10 those video recordings.

11 Q. Had you seen them since the  
12 police showed them to you?

13 A. No.

14 Q. And how old were you when you  
15 were staying at his house and these incidents  
16 occurred?

17 A. To be honest with you, I think I  
18 have to think for a second. It was -- I would  
19 have been 21 to 22. I would have been 21 to 22  
20 at the time.

21 (Exhibit 1 was marked for  
22 identification.)

23 BY MR. SANTARONE

24 Q. I will show you a criminal

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1 complaint that was produced by your attorney.

2 We can mark that as an exhibit. If you look,  
3 this is a police criminal complaint.

4 A. Sure.

5 Q. It talks about a victim H.H. Do  
6 you know who that is?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Do you know if you are H.H.?

9 A. I don't know. I'm not sure.

10 Q. It says H.H. was 13 years old  
11 while babysitting for Ohrt and his wife at their  
12 home. That's not you then?

13 A. Is this on page 3 of 4?

14 Q. This is page 2 of -- this is on  
15 the Affidavit of Probable Cause, the last two  
16 pages.

17 A. Okay. I see. Do you mind  
18 repeating your question one more time?

19 Q. If you look at the last paragraph  
20 it describes who H.H. is. That is not you?

21 A. No. Oh, I see. No, that is not  
22 me.

23 Q. And the other victim is A.A.  
24 It's identified as a former male student who was

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1 allegedly sexually abused while minor age and a  
2 choir member. Do you know if you are A.A.?

3 A. I don't know.

4 Q. G.G. is -- G.G. states he was a  
5 6th grader at Linden Elementary School. So that  
6 is not you?

7 A. No.

8 Q. So the charges that were brought  
9 against Dr. Ohrt related to you were all the two  
10 things that occurred -- the incidents that  
11 occurred after you had graduated. You were 21  
12 or 22 and were staying at his house on and off?

13 A. For those charges in the criminal  
14 case, yes. That's correct.

15 Q. And as far as the number of  
16 times -- did you ever hear that there was any  
17 student who he filmed that he had other pictures  
18 of besides you? Not a student, any other  
19 person?

20 A. When you say pictures, do you  
21 mean --

22 Q. That he had taken  
23 surreptitiously?

24 A. Surreptitiously, no. Not that

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1 I'm aware of.

2 Q. You are the only one you are  
3 aware of?

4 A. That I know of. That's correct.

5 Q. Who did you meet with -- did you  
6 deal with Central Bucks Regional Police  
7 Department?

8 MR. COHEN: At what time?  
9 BY MR. SANTARONE

10 Q. In connection with any charges  
11 that were brought against Ohrt.

12 A. In connection to these? Yes. I  
13 had spoken with detectives from the Central  
14 Bucks Regional Police Department.

15 Q. Do you remember who?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Who?

18 A. Detective Greg Beidler and  
19 Sergeant Paul Kreuter.

20 Q. How about the district attorney,  
21 did you ever speak with anyone at the district  
22 attorney's office?

23 A. Yes, I had. I spoken with an ADA  
24 Brittany Kern.

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1 Q. Before I move on, are you making  
2 a wage loss claim here? Without looking at your  
3 attorney.

4 A. Yeah. I'm not sure. I'm not  
5 sure.

6 Q. Is there anything that you -- any  
7 profession you think you would have gone into  
8 that you are not going into because of these --  
9 what is alleged in the Complaint?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What is that?

12 A. Being a music educator.

13 Q. When was it that you decided you  
14 did not want to be a music educator anymore?

15 A. When I withdrew from Temple  
16 University. I mean -- I take that back. It was  
17 before then, shortly before then. Pretty much  
18 after I came back from Kansas City.

19 Q. So what happened in Kansas City  
20 pretty much made you --

21 A. Tipped me over on that decision,  
22 yes.

23 Q. Before that you were in Temple  
24 University planning on that as a career?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What would you be -- what kind of  
3 jobs would you get with that degree?

4 A. Well, it depends on your  
5 networks. It depends on what you can provide as  
6 an educator. So inherently your skill level,  
7 your ability to teach the value that you  
8 provide.

9 So that can range. It also  
10 depends if you want to go into public school,  
11 private school. Do you want to teach at  
12 university? In public school it depends on what  
13 district. In private school it depends on what  
14 school. But you can make a living from it.

15 Q. Can you make as much money as you  
16 could as a PE?

17 A. PA?

18 Q. PA rather. I am sorry.

19 A. Potentially, yes.

20 Q. Let's take a look at the  
21 Complaint.

22 (Exhibit 2 was marked for  
23 identification.)  
24

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2 Q. Okay?

3 A. Okay.

4 Q. You are familiar with this  
5 document?

6 A. I know of this document.

7 Q. Did you read through it before it  
8 was filed?

9 A. I have reviewed it, yes.

10 Q. Before it was filed?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. It was filed October 31, 2023?  
13 Stamped at the top there.

14 A. It appears so.

15 Q. As far as physical contact, you  
16 talked about what happened in Kansas City.

17 A. Sure.

18 Q. Prior to Kansas City, what  
19 physical contact did you have with Joseph Ohrt?

20 A. Numerous occasions of  
21 inappropriate touching, grazing over genitals.  
22 He had attempted to make lingual contact to my  
23 neck on multiple occasions, many occasions in  
24 which he did. Grabbing of my buttocks, physical



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1 restraint on an occasion or two.

2 Q. So there was never any --

3 MR. COHEN: I am sorry. Are you  
4 finished?

5 THE WITNESS: I am finished  
6 generalizing, correct.

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8 Q. Was there ever any skin-on-skin  
9 contact?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Other than Kansas City?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Where?

14 A. Skin -- do you mean skin-on-skin  
15 like anywhere on his skin touching mine?

16 Q. I mean reaching down and touching  
17 your genitals.

18 A. No. With his hand? No. Under  
19 my pants skin-on-skin --

20 Q. No penetration or anything?

21 A. No.

22 Q. No oral sex?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Any kissing?

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1           A.       Right. So when I had said  
2 that -- I will clarify what I meant when I said  
3 a portion of this earlier. He had on occasions  
4 hugged me and kissed my neck before, yes.

5           Q.       Was that when you were in school  
6 or after school?

7           A.       In school.

8           Q.       What was your reaction when he  
9 did that?

10          A.       I would -- it depended on the  
11 time. Towards the end of my senior year I would  
12 tend to push away from him or at least  
13 physically distance myself. In the beginning I  
14 kind of froze up. I was not sure how to respond  
15 to that. It was complicated in that sense.

16          Q.       Did he ever use physical force on  
17 you?

18          A.       When -- can you define "physical  
19 force"? In which sense?

20          Q.       Did he ever use any physical  
21 force to assault you?

22          A.       To assault me? I mean, to  
23 sexually assault me, yes. There had been an  
24 instance where -- is it all right if I stand up

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1 to show you?

2 Q. Yes.

3 A. He had a couch in his office.

4 There was an incident one time where he had  
5 asked me to clean his office or do something in  
6 his office like help organize it or something.  
7 And I walked into his office. And he had come  
8 up from behind me and bear-hugged me over top  
9 like this coming over my shoulders, pulling me  
10 into his chest.

11 And imagine this chair is a  
12 couch. Whole holding me like this, came over  
13 and sat down while pulling me over top of his  
14 lap and effectively pushing his genital area  
15 into me in which when I mentioned earlier  
16 physical restraint, that was the time in which I  
17 kind of tried to break out. And the more I  
18 tried to get up the tighter he would hold me  
19 until I told him, hey, stop. Then he kind of  
20 let go and let me get up.

21 Q. So when you told him to stop, he  
22 let go?

23 A. He did, yes.

24 Q. Were you injured at all from

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1 that?

2 A. Emotionally and psychological,  
3 yes. But physically, no.

4 Q. So the Complaint of paragraph 28  
5 says you started CB West in 10th grade as a  
6 15-year-old. That's when you met Ohrt. How did  
7 that meeting take place?

8 A. In meeting Dr. Ohrt?

9 Q. Yes.

10 A. So I met him on my first day of  
11 choir class. Choir class is a class almost like  
12 you would have math class, you would have  
13 geography or whatever it may be. There is also  
14 a choir class that you can elect to take. On my  
15 first choir class I met him.

16 Q. And had you been involved in  
17 choir or singing before that?

18 A. I sang. I liked music but I was  
19 not involved in any choir.

20 Q. How many students were in the  
21 choir class?

22 A. As a collective throughout the  
23 high school?

24 Q. Yes.

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1 A. All grades? Over a hundred.

2 Q. Was he ever your homeroom  
3 teacher?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What years?

6 A. Junior and -- junior and senior.  
7 If you were in select ensembles you needed to be  
8 in homeroom. But I believe my sophomore year  
9 that was not a requirement of his. I believe he  
10 implemented that requirement junior and senior  
11 year.

12 Q. How many people were in homeroom?

13 A. Anybody who was in chamber choir.

14 Q. Do you have a number?

15 A. I believe there are different  
16 homerooms throughout the day. So this total  
17 number was split depending on the amount of  
18 homerooms that we had in a day. It was probably  
19 around 30. My junior year it was probably  
20 around 32 or 34, in the mid 30s to -- low to mid  
21 30s. And my senior year probably the same  
22 number. But in my choir homeroom it was around  
23 half that.

24 Q. Homeroom isn't the first class

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1 you start off in the beginning of the day.

2 Homeroom is any time during the day?

3 A. Yes. They usually try to put it  
4 in the early middle or late middle of the day.

5 Q. And the next paragraph says,  
6 "Ohrt repeatedly committed the crimes of  
7 Indecent Assault and Institutional Sexual  
8 Assault upon John while he was a CB West student  
9 as described below."

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Do you know if Ohrt was ever  
12 charged with those in relation to you?

13 A. In relationship to me was he  
14 charged with those? In the criminal case as of  
15 recent?

16 Q. Indecent Assault and  
17 Institutional Sexual Assault.

18 A. That I know of, no. I believe he  
19 made a deal with the DA.

20 Q. Do you know if he was charged  
21 with those before he made that deal?

22 A. I don't know.

23 Q. And you described the incident  
24 where he grabbed and bear-hugged you and pulled

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1 you down on the couch. And you said stop. And  
2 he did stop?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What other incidents where he  
5 either tried to kiss you on the neck or touch  
6 the private area of you?

7 A. They were frequent.

8 Q. Starting when? What year?

9 A. Really starting my junior year,  
10 not so much my sophomore year.

11 Q. What did he do?

12 A. Again, these happened on multiple  
13 occasions. There are other instances where I  
14 would be working at the piano in the dressing  
15 room and he would come in. And there is a piano  
16 stool which doesn't have a back to it, right?  
17 It's just a stool itself. He would come up and  
18 hug me from behind and grind his genital area  
19 into me. I could actually feel him erect on  
20 occasions.

21 Other times where he -- like you  
22 said, other than him hugging me and kissing me  
23 and grabbing my buttocks and things like that  
24 with the couch, there were instances where he

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1 would try and pat me on my stomach. As he would  
2 slide his hand off he would rub it or graze it  
3 over top of my penis over my clothing.

4 Q. Did it brush against it or did it  
5 rub?

6 A. Rub.

7 Q. Did anybody ever witness any of  
8 these incidents?

9 A. There was a time where somebody  
10 witnessed a incident, yes.

11 Q. And that was the mother?

12 A. That was -- that's correct.  
13 Later my senior year.

14 Q. How about incidents at school?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Any witnesses to any of this?

17 A. Not that I know of. Maybe but  
18 not that I know of.

19 Q. Did you ever see him do this to  
20 any other student?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Did any students complain to you  
23 that he had touched them in any way?

24 A. No.



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1 Q. Did you ever complain to any  
2 students that he touched you in any way?

3 A. No. I didn't disclose it to  
4 anyone. People had their thoughts on that.

5 Q. When was it that -- at some point  
6 did you ever tell Ohrt about your issues at home  
7 with your mother and your father, your family?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. When did you tell him this?

10 A. Starting my sophomore year I  
11 would disclose general difficulties at home. He  
12 knew what was going on with my mother. He knew  
13 there were financial issues at the home, which  
14 his knowledge of that started around April of my  
15 sophomore year.

16 Q. And he told you that?

17 A. He told me what?

18 Q. You told him these stories?

19 A. They wound up coming up in one  
20 way or another, yes.

21 Q. In private one-on-one? Or in  
22 class? How did it come up?

23 A. A little bit of both.

24 Q. How would it come up in class?

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1           A.           It's not that it would  
2 necessarily come up in class like, per se, in  
3 front of students or during class time. Yes, it  
4 would come up during class time. Let's say we  
5 had a break for a moment and we were talking  
6 about something that had to do with choir. Can  
7 you attend this? Can you attend that? No. I  
8 am sorry. I can't. Financial issues going on.  
9 Oh, what is going on with your financial  
10 history? What is going on with your financial  
11 swig?

12                       One thing would lead to another.  
13 And I would disclose, you know, dealing with  
14 some stuff at home. My mother has got some  
15 issues and it causes financial problems. It  
16 started off like that. And in like side  
17 conversations during class, like I said, if we  
18 were in a break or something and he would ask me  
19 about something with choir I would tell him  
20 that. Other times one on one he would ask how  
21 I'm doing. I would say, well, today I am not  
22 doing so great, dealing with this, dealing with  
23 that.

24           Q.           Dealing with --

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1 A. Things at home.

2 Q. Dealing with your mother's  
3 alcoholism?

4 A. Yeah. With my mother, with my  
5 father, issues with my brother and my sister.  
6 Over time he would actually request a lot of  
7 that information under the guise of trying to  
8 help. But I think he was really just  
9 weaponizing that information against me to drive  
10 a wedge between me and my family.

11 Q. Prior to your father having some  
12 concern about you being in choir, what were the  
13 issues you were having with your father?

14 A. So like I said earlier, he --  
15 when you are married to somebody for 30-plus  
16 years and your wife becomes an alcoholic and  
17 effectively makes that big of an impact on the  
18 family you do not handle it so well. Or you try  
19 to handle it as well as you can.

20 I think my father felt hurt by  
21 what was going on in the family and what my mom  
22 was doing. And me, as a person, I pride myself  
23 in trying to be a good person. I tried to  
24 understand where she came from at times. It's

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1 not that I necessarily stood up for my mom. But  
2 I tried to advocate for both. I think he felt  
3 hurt by that.

4 And that can create some issues  
5 between us. I think he, you know -- with him  
6 reeling from all of it, he -- that can affect  
7 your ability to be a good parent, I think, if  
8 you are so distracted by all of that. It just  
9 created issues in our relationship on a lot of  
10 different levels in that sense.

11 Q. How about with you brother and  
12 sister? Would it relate to the same thing?

13 A. Yeah. I think they would take  
14 sides. And I tried not to take sides. But I  
15 think me not taking sides really hurt them.  
16 They would get frustrated with me. I tried to  
17 not be at home as much because it was just not  
18 somewhere I wanted to be around. I think they  
19 felt hurt by that. But, you know, it's what I  
20 had to do at the time.

21 Q. Did you have -- during this  
22 timeframe, this is between '12 and '20, you have  
23 a girlfriend?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And you had this girlfriend  
2 during this entire time?

3 A. Off and on. But, yes, I would  
4 say, and I think she would say this too, that we  
5 were basically together that whole time. But we  
6 had months of time apart where we were not  
7 dating. But we were still pretty much together.

8 Q. And did you have a network of  
9 friends?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Have you always had friends?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. No problems making or keeping  
14 friends?

15 A. No. My junior and senior year  
16 there was definitely an issue with friends. I  
17 don't know if you want me to get into that.

18 Q. Yeah.

19 A. Well, I would say the more time  
20 that I spent involved in the choir, the less  
21 time I would spend with friends, too. I think  
22 throughout high school as I became more involved  
23 in the choir and, you know, spending less time  
24 with family, I think during that time especially

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1 starting my junior year he would pull me out of  
2 class, come down to the lunch room, take me out  
3 of the lunch room, take me to the choir room.

4 Rumors were starting to go around  
5 that me and Dr. Ohrt had a gay relationship.

6 Peers can be really ruthless in how they respond  
7 to that. It got to the point where I was  
8 isolated from friends and family in that sense.  
9 Once it got to that point, I kind of just wanted  
10 to hide from it all with my friends because now  
11 it's embarrassing. Having these numbers going  
12 around, people talk.

13 I just -- I didn't -- my  
14 reputation was essentially getting ruined by  
15 that in that sense. So it pushed me away from  
16 my friends as well. Even when I tried to go  
17 back to them there was a lot of shunning because  
18 of the rumors. And I think he capitalized on  
19 that to continue to push me away from everyone  
20 else in my support system. And my friends  
21 noticed it, too. And I think the more they  
22 noticed that, the less they would spend time  
23 with me.

24 Q. Did he try to affect your

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1 relationship with your girlfriend?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. In which way?

4 A. He didn't like that I had a  
5 girlfriend. He never liked it when I had a  
6 girlfriend. He wouldn't talk to them. He was  
7 indifferent towards them -- especially Peyton.  
8 He didn't like Peyton at all. Whenever I  
9 mentioned seeing a girl, being around a girl, he  
10 would get visibly frustrated.

11 Q. The girlfriend that you had, the  
12 steady girlfriend you had from 12 to 20, did she  
13 say anything about what was going on between you  
14 and Ohrt?

15 A. Later on, yes. At the time --

16 Q. Later on when?

17 A. Yeah. So in my senior year when  
18 Chloe had met Dr. Ohrt and her mom met Dr. Ohrt,  
19 it was under this illusion that he was -- or  
20 they were under an assumption that he was a good  
21 person for me to be involved with. They knew  
22 about the choir. Everyone in that community  
23 knows about West choir. They thought it was  
24 great at the time.

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1 But Dr. Ohrt didn't really have  
2 an interest in getting to know them. I think as  
3 time went on, graduating from West and going  
4 into that first summer after graduation, I think  
5 they started to feel that maybe there was  
6 something off about him.

7 Q. When you say Chloe and her mother  
8 thought highly of him, did they get that  
9 impression at all from anything you had said  
10 about him?

11 A. I think it's really more so that  
12 I had good things to say about the program in  
13 general and the excitement I had for where that  
14 could lead me. They thought it was a good  
15 thing. Like I said, they knew about the program  
16 already. They knew about him as the head of the  
17 program. And they thought it was good that I  
18 was as involved as I was. And I didn't disclose  
19 anything to them at that point.

20 Q. When you disclosed anything to  
21 anyone, you talked about Peyton after the  
22 incident in Kansas City?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Had you told anybody anything



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1 before that?

2 A. No.

3 Q. When did you first tell anybody  
4 in your family?

5 A. The day before he was arrested.

6 Q. And at that point did you know he  
7 was going to be arrested?

8 A. No.

9 Q. So it was just a coincidence?

10 A. Sorry. The day before -- the day  
11 he was arrested it was the -- I think I told --  
12 what happened was the day that he was arrested  
13 the detectives called me and told me that he was  
14 arrested and was now in custody. And I knew  
15 that it was just a matter of time before media  
16 got a hold of that.

17 What I meant to say was the day  
18 before media reports on it, because I didn't  
19 want them to learn from media before they  
20 learned from their own son or own brother.

21 Q. So your telling your family was  
22 not a coincidence because you knew this was  
23 going to happen --

24 A. I knew it was about to hit the

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1 media. So the day he got arrested is when I  
2 told them. And the next day is when it showed  
3 up on the media.

4 Q. Starting in junior year, I guess,  
5 why did you stay in the program?

6 A. Right. Because for a few  
7 reasons. One, I was passionate about music.  
8 And this program is a big program. And a lot of  
9 opportunities come from this program. A lot of  
10 networks come from this program.

11 And of all musical mentors to  
12 have given what I wanted to go into, he is the  
13 person to do this with. I think at first when I  
14 first met him and when he first started becoming  
15 a little bit more involved in knowing my  
16 personal life, it was more so that I looked at  
17 it as a paternal relationship. I thought about  
18 it like this person cares. This person wants to  
19 help.

20 At first it was like this person  
21 cares about my well-being. They want to help  
22 me. They want to put me on a good path for a  
23 good future. As time went on in going into my  
24 junior year and senior year it started to get

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1 more confusing for me because the more I became  
2 involved in the program, the more opportunities  
3 came about and the better I became as a  
4 musician.

5 I mean, I am not going to lie  
6 about it. I learned a lot from that program.  
7 And I knew that it can open a lot of doors for  
8 me. And at first I viewed it as just a paternal  
9 thing. Like this person cares.

10 And over time that kind of  
11 started to change a little bit. By the time it  
12 started getting worse, it was confusing. I was  
13 not really sure what to do because I didn't have  
14 a support system at that point in my life  
15 anymore. I had effectively been isolated from  
16 my family. I had effectively been isolated from  
17 my friends.

18 And I knew that this is what I  
19 wanted to do. I started to believe that I could  
20 maintain a professional relationship and still  
21 get to where I needed to be. You know? As time  
22 went on I started to realize that that was  
23 unreasonable. That's when I started to distance  
24 myself. But at the time it was not that simple.

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1 Q. When you say distance yourself,  
2 are you talking about after the incident in  
3 Kansas City? Because school you lived with him  
4 for a --

5 A. Right. When I say --

6 Q. You are not distancing yourself  
7 then?

8 A. Physically, no. Even after  
9 school after I had graduated high school, we --  
10 I tried to maintain a professional relationship  
11 with him. And I discussed it with him. When I  
12 say distanced myself, I mean during school I was  
13 there all the time. I was there for choir  
14 rehearsals all the time. I was in the choir  
15 room helping take care of things in the choir  
16 program.

17 I was so involved. I was the  
18 president my senior year. There was not much  
19 getting away from it in that sense. So after I  
20 graduated, you know, of course he would want to  
21 hang out. He would want to spend time with me.  
22 Want to do this? Want to do that? I had to  
23 draw a line and set boundaries as far as that  
24 goes.

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1 And when I say "that," that is  
2 what I mean by distance myself. I tried to make  
3 it professional. And I did my best to do that.  
4 So when he offered me to live with him, it was  
5 under the conditions that it was simply an  
6 arrangement that we had in that sense. And that  
7 was it.

8 Q. Was that ever discussed?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. These conditions?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. When did that happen?

13 A. Before I moved in with him I  
14 discussed those conditions.

15 Q. What were the conditions you  
16 discussed?

17 A. The conditions were that we  
18 simply had a professional relationship. I  
19 didn't -- I told him I didn't want these other  
20 things that had happened before to continue to  
21 happen. And that I simply wanted it to be a  
22 musical relationship. And when I say  
23 relationship, I mean as a friend. Yeah. That's  
24 what I mean.

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1 Q. Other than what you've talked  
2 about is maybe this filming, the surreptitious  
3 filming, was there any physical contact or any  
4 physical problems that occurred while you two  
5 were living together?

6 A. Some things had occurred, yes.

7 Q. What occurred?

8 A. Inappropriate physical touching.  
9 He would tell me that he loved me and required  
10 that I say it back. But I didn't always. At  
11 first when he started doing that I would say,  
12 you know, of course. I love you too as a  
13 person.

14 You have to understand we had  
15 a -- we had an intellectual relationship.  
16 That's kind of how we started getting to know  
17 each other -- through music and through an  
18 intellectual connection. So, you know, when I  
19 had lived with him, we still had that background  
20 in that sense where I knew him as a person.

21 Q. Did your girlfriend ever come  
22 over to where Ohrt lived when you were living  
23 there?

24 A. My girlfriend at the time, yes,

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1 she had.

2 Q. How many times did she come over?

3 A. Less than five.

4 MR. SANTARONE: We can go off.

5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the  
6 record. The time is 12:39 p.m.

7 (A recess was taken from 12:39 p.m. to  
8 1:16 p.m.)

9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on  
10 the record. The time is 1:16.

11 BY MR. SANTARONE

12 Q. Before we took the break we were  
13 talking about a couple things. One thing I  
14 wanted to follow up with. You are up here from  
15 Florida just in relation to this case or do you  
16 have other things to do?

17 A. No. Just for this case.

18 Q. You don't have any plans to see  
19 your mother or your sister?

20 A. Well, it was very difficult to  
21 make that happen. I don't have a lot of  
22 transportation. And I don't want to spend money  
23 on a lot of transportation. Try to stay local.

24 Q. Looking at the Complaint again

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1 then, 37 says, Ohrt told you he would make you  
2 the next choir director when you finished  
3 college?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. When did he tell you that? Was  
6 it before or after you graduated?

7 A. After I graduated.

8 Q. It says, "Ohrt manipulated John  
9 so thoroughly that John enrolled in Temple  
10 University's music education program." But that  
11 would have been after a year and a half of Bucks  
12 Community College?

13 A. You are on paragraph 38?

14 Q. Right.

15 A. Sorry. Do you mind repeating  
16 that question one more time?

17 Q. Sure. "Manipulated John so  
18 thoroughly that John enrolled in Temple  
19 University's music education program."

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. "To pursue that career goal."  
22 But that was after a year and a half at Bucks  
23 Community College?

24 A. Yes. He had -- at that point he



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1 had already -- even after I graduated he had  
2 already alluded to the fact that he was retiring  
3 and the position was opening up. It just was  
4 not until later on that he made the assertion  
5 directly that he could have a direct effect on  
6 me actually getting that position.

7 Q. And that was after you graduated?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. He said that after you graduated  
10 from high school?

11 A. Right. Yes. I figured you --  
12 not college, but high school, yes.

13 Q. 39 says, "During John's junior  
14 year, his father noticed that his son was not  
15 acting like himself."

16 A. Right.

17 Q. Did he ever say anything about  
18 how he saw you were not acting like yourself?

19 A. Say anything to me?

20 Q. Yes.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. What did he say?

23 A. He had said that I was not  
24 wanting to be around the family as much, that I

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1 was distancing myself from the family, that I  
2 was more disconnected from my family. I was  
3 more short with them. When I say short, I don't  
4 mean temper-wise. I mean as in brief. I was  
5 very brief with them.

6 I wouldn't say dismissive. But I  
7 would say that I -- my interactions with them  
8 were brief. It was obvious that I was  
9 distancing myself from my family.

10 Q. During this timeframe junior year  
11 in high school, there is a lot going on at home  
12 too, right?

13 A. Things had calmed down a little  
14 bit in the sense that I was not -- you know,  
15 things calmed down a little bit. But things  
16 were not necessarily all hunky-dory at home.  
17 That's correct.

18 Q. Did your father talk to you about  
19 any conversations he had with anyone at the  
20 school?

21 A. I knew that he had a conversation  
22 with someone at the school. I was there for it.

23 Q. You were there?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Who did you meet with?

2 A. The principal at the time,  
3 Mr. Booker, and my father.

4 Q. What did your father tell  
5 Mr. Booker?

6 A. He told -- and Mr. Booker, just  
7 to note, was my middle school principal as well.  
8 So he knew me. He had said that he felt that I  
9 was distancing myself from my family, that I was  
10 not around home as much, that I was becoming  
11 involved in this program. And he was unsure of  
12 my relationship to the music program and with  
13 Dr. Ohrt.

14 Q. Did Mr. Booker ask you any  
15 questions?

16 A. No. Well, do you mean at the  
17 time?

18 Q. Yes.

19 A. Not necessarily, no. He didn't  
20 really ask me if anything was happening. He  
21 honestly kind of dismissed what my father was  
22 saying as nonsense.

23 Q. Did your father say anything  
24 specific as to any concerns about any sexual

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1     impropriety?

2             A.       He alluded to that without saying  
3     it.

4             Q.       How did he allude to it without  
5     saying it?

6             A.       Well, he pointed out that he felt  
7     as if I was spending too much time with him and  
8     at the school and noted that he thought it was  
9     strange.   Implying that he felt that the  
10    relationship was in some way, shape or form he  
11    believed could have been inappropriate or not  
12    suitable for a student/teacher relationship.

13            Q.       And did your father ever confront  
14    Ohrt about this?

15            A.       No.

16            Q.       Your father was a wrestler,  
17    right?   He was a tough guy?

18            A.       Yes.

19            Q.       Did your father say you are done  
20    with choir?   You are not going back to choir  
21    anymore?

22            A.       No, he didn't -- he couldn't  
23    really do anything about it.   He voiced his  
24    concerns to me.   He voiced his concerns to me.

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1 Q. And he didn't go to the police?

2 A. I don't know. Actually I'm not  
3 sure.

4 Q. Did you talk to your father about  
5 this conversation he had with Mr. Booker that  
6 you were present for any time after that  
7 conversation with Booker?

8 A. We -- yes. We had actually got  
9 into an argument about it.

10 Q. That day or later?

11 A. It might have been later that  
12 day. I don't think it was. It might have been  
13 like the next day. It was very shortly  
14 afterwards within days that we got into an  
15 argument about it.

16 Q. What was the argument?

17 A. That I found -- I was frustrated  
18 that he had done that. I felt that I was trying  
19 to create an opportunity for myself and my life.  
20 And I was trying to balance it. And I didn't  
21 honestly -- especially as a child at the time  
22 that pushes against their parents when they are  
23 frustrated with them, it just made me upset. I  
24 also felt like he was undermining me.

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1 Q. You talk about Ohrt giving you  
2 rides. Did he transport anybody else who was in  
3 the choir group?

4 A. Not that I recall.

5 Q. Did anyone from the school ever  
6 see him in your car being transported by --

7 A. You mean me in his car?

8 Q. Yes.

9 A. I'm not sure.

10 Q. Do you have any specific  
11 recollection of anyone seeing you?

12 A. No, not specifically.

13 Q. How many times did he drive you  
14 in his car?

15 A. While in high school?

16 Q. Yes.

17 A. Less than ten.

18 Q. Do you know yes or no whether he  
19 ever transported any other students?

20 A. No, I don't know.

21 Q. 47 says, "Ohrt repeatedly  
22 sexually abused John at CB West in choir room,  
23 the men's dressing room which was near the  
24 theater department, and in his office."

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And we are talking about -- I  
3 mean, other than the incident where he put his  
4 arms around you and pulled you onto the couch we  
5 talked about?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. And the incident where you said  
8 he came up and kissed you on the neck?

9 A. Yes. He would hug me and like  
10 push his face into my neck.

11 Q. How many times did he do that?

12 A. On multiple occasions.

13 Q. More than once?

14 A. More than five.

15 Q. More than five. And did you push  
16 him off?

17 A. I started to give physical  
18 resistance, yes. There was other instance like  
19 if I was in the dressing room urinating he would  
20 come in and stand outside of the restroom door  
21 and listen to me.

22 Q. How do you know that?

23 A. Because I heard him come in. And  
24 then I would walk out he was standing right

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1 there.

2 Q. He didn't come into the men's  
3 room?

4 A. No, he didn't. In that dressing  
5 room there is a sectioned-off -- an actual  
6 sectioned-off room where when you go into the  
7 dressing room you open a separate wooden door  
8 that enters into a one-unit restroom.

9 Q. It says, "On one representative  
10 occasion," 48, "Ohrt came up behind him started  
11 intimately hugging him from behind and grinding  
12 his genitals into John's backside."

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. That is the incident we talked  
15 about?

16 A. It is one of the times in which  
17 he had done that, yes.

18 Q. How many times did he do that?

19 A. More than three.

20 Q. And there were no witnesses of  
21 that?

22 A. No, there were not. That's  
23 correct.

24 Q. The rumors that were going around



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1 school -- and there is something here called the  
2 "rape room"?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. Did you ever hear those rumors?

5 MR. COHEN: What rumors are you  
6 referring to?

7 BY MR. SANTARONE

8 Q. That somebody was calling Ohrt's  
9 office the "rape room"?

10 A. Do you mind if -- what paragraph  
11 are we on exactly?

12 Q. I can find it for you. Let me  
13 ask you did ever hear anybody use that term?

14 A. At the time, no. I never heard  
15 that term before.

16 Q. When was the first time you heard  
17 that?

18 A. During the criminal case.

19 Q. Then look at 59. I think we  
20 started to touch on this. You were in a room  
21 with him and then someone walked in?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Where was that?

24 A. The location that this happened

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1 was a church in Washington, D.C.

2 Q. What year were you?

3 A. Senior year. It was 2016.

4 Q. It says, Rubbed his thigh and  
5 inched his hands towards John's penis. But he  
6 did not touch your penis, right?

7 A. No. Because someone walked in.

8 Q. Who was that that walked in?

9 A. It was a chaperone who was on the  
10 trip.

11 Q. Do you know their name?

12 A. It was somebody's mother.

13 Q. Did she say anything when she  
14 walked in?

15 A. She paused for a moment. But the  
16 only words that she did say were, "We have to  
17 go."

18 Q. What was his reaction when she  
19 walked in?

20 A. Very surprised, caught off guard.  
21 He retracted himself very quickly. And I got up  
22 first and walked out. He stayed seated for a  
23 couple moments and then got up after me and left  
24 as well.

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1 Q. Did that chaperone mother ever  
2 say anything to you after that? Like, hey, what  
3 was going on?

4 A. No. Not to me.

5 Q. You don't know whether she ever  
6 said anything to Ohrt?

7 A. No. I'm not sure.

8 Q. It says, "In April 2016, an  
9 anonymous Childline report was made against Ohrt  
10 for abusing students."

11 A. Right.

12 Q. Did that involve you at all?

13 A. I believe it did, yes. Oh, I'm  
14 sorry. Do you mind rephrasing that question?

15 Q. Look at No. 61. This would have  
16 been when you were still in school?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. An anonymous Childline report was  
19 made against Ohrt for abusing students. Do you  
20 know who those students were?

21 A. I believe it was me.

22 Q. Do you know who made that report?

23 A. No, I do not.

24 Q. Why do you believe it was you?

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1           A.       Because I was questioned by  
2 police. I was called. And I was told on the  
3 phone by the detective that a report was made in  
4 reference to me.

5           Q.       Did this interview with the  
6 detective, was that while you were still -- was  
7 it pre-graduation?

8           A.       It was a couple months before I  
9 graduated.

10          Q.       April.

11          A.       Yes. It was within a week after  
12 we came back from this trip, a week or two.

13          Q.       Did you give a statement to the  
14 police?

15          A.       I did.

16          Q.       What did you tell the police?

17          A.       I told them that there was  
18 nothing going on.

19          Q.       Did they give you any indication  
20 as to the nature of the allegations that were  
21 made in the Childline report?

22          A.       No. Well, yes. They had said  
23 that they were told that there was a possible  
24 inappropriate relationship between me and

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1 Dr. Ohrt. But they didn't expand upon that or  
2 say anything else.

3 Q. Was this the Central Bucks  
4 Regional Police?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Have you ever seen any reports of  
7 that investigation?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Was there ever -- while at school  
10 until you graduated between April when that  
11 incident happened in Washington until you  
12 graduated, was there any other physical contact  
13 that occurred between you and Ohrt? Or had you  
14 distanced yourself from him?

15 A. We had virtually no contact.  
16 Even communication, no communication virtually.

17 Q. Then after graduation the  
18 communication starts up again, right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. How does that happen?

21 A. Well, we had stopped  
22 communicating because of what was going on. And  
23 afterwards I graduated. And I was not in school  
24 anymore. I think -- I knew that -- we were

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1 beginning to enter into a real professional  
2 relationship outside of school. Then I was a  
3 student. Now I am outside of high school and  
4 pursuing a professional career which involved  
5 him because he was already involved in my  
6 network, my music network, my communications  
7 with other people. And he was involved in that  
8 circle. So I was still involved.

9 Q. So you are having virtually no  
10 conversations after that trip to Washington  
11 until after you graduated?

12 A. Right.

13 Q. Who initiated the first contact  
14 post graduation? You or him?

15 A. Him.

16 Q. How did that come about?

17 A. It was on the day of graduation.  
18 He had within minutes after I threw my cap in  
19 the air I was getting ready to leave with a  
20 friend. And he pulled me to the side and said,  
21 Thank God that's over. You can call me Joe from  
22 now on.

23 Q. What was your next contact then  
24 after that?

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1 A. Probably over the phone a few  
2 days later.

3 Q. And if you had decided in April  
4 that you were going to not have any contact with  
5 him, the reason then you are having this contact  
6 after graduation is purely for professional  
7 reasons? You think it will help in a career you  
8 wanted to be in?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. Have you ever spoken to anyone at  
11 the school about these allegations against Ohrt?

12 A. While I was in school?

13 Q. Any time.

14 A. Any time?

15 Q. Yes.

16 A. So --

17 Q. I am talking about an  
18 administrator, teacher, counselor, somebody at  
19 school.

20 A. Right. Yes.

21 Q. Who?

22 A. His name is Kevin. What is his  
23 last name? He is my AP macro teacher. Kevin --  
24 damn. What is his name? Kevin McDermott.

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1 Q. When did you talk to Kevin  
2 McDermott?

3 A. 2023.

4 Q. How was it that you came to talk  
5 to Kevin McDermott in 2023?

6 A. He had -- I called him asking if  
7 he would be willing to speak about what had  
8 happened after the fact as a teacher who had  
9 worked at Central Bucks.

10 Q. Talk about what happened after  
11 the fact about what?

12 A. Like to discuss what had happened  
13 with him because he was a teacher at Central  
14 Bucks.

15 Q. And what happened to him?

16 A. Nothing really. He just -- he is  
17 a teacher there. He knew Dr. Ohrt. He was one  
18 of my teachers while I was in high school. I  
19 wanted to speak with him as somebody who was a  
20 coworker of his.

21 Q. Did he say he knew anything?

22 A. No, not necessarily. He was  
23 pretty shocked actually.

24 Q. Shocked about hearing about this?



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1 A. Mm-hmm.

2 Q. But at that point Orht had  
3 already been arrested, right? He knew that,  
4 right?

5 A. Yes. And sentenced.

6 Q. So he gave you no new  
7 information?

8 A. No. No new information.

9 Q. Except he was shocked and he  
10 didn't know anything about it?

11 A. He was very upset. He was very  
12 upset.

13 Q. Anybody else?

14 A. No. Not that I recall. Actually  
15 I just realized that's not true. There was  
16 another person I had spoken with. Her name is  
17 Jessica Bostok. She is a theater director. She  
18 had come to the sentencing. And I got lunch  
19 with her after the sentencing.

20 Q. Any discussion with her about the  
21 times you were in high school?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What did she say?

24 A. She was extremely upset. And I

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1 think she felt a little guilty that she didn't  
2 know.

3 Q. But she didn't know?

4 A. She didn't know.

5 Q. What was her role?

6 A. Her name is Jessica Bostok. She  
7 was the theater director.

8 Q. And do you know where the theater  
9 director fell in as far as like chain of command  
10 with Ohrt?

11 A. I guess it depended on what --  
12 what -- it would depend. For example, if we  
13 were working on a musical, a school musical,  
14 they were both involved, just in different areas  
15 of it.

16 The theater director mainly  
17 worked on choreography and stuff like that. The  
18 music director mainly focused on just the  
19 musical elements of it. And they collaborated  
20 together to tie it all.

21 Q. Was there someone who would be  
22 the head of that department?

23 A. He is the head of that  
24 department.

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1 Q. Ohrt was the head of the  
2 department?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. This is more of a legal question.  
5 If you do not understand it, you can say I don't  
6 understand what it means.

7 A. Sure.

8 Q. It says, The district created and  
9 subjected John to a hostile educational  
10 environment in violation of Title IX. It says  
11 he was member of a protected class. Do you know  
12 what your protected class is?

13 A. I'm not sure.

14 Q. You are a straight male, though?

15 A. Yes, I'm a straight male.

16 Q. The Complaint talks about in 2016  
17 photographs of a former CB West student J.R.  
18 without his shirt.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And among other photographs of  
21 undressed young men in a barn studio next to his  
22 home, a location to which Ohrt would regularly  
23 invite John and other CB West students.

24 Do you know who J.R. is?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Have you talked to J.R. about  
3 this?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Did J.R. live with Ohrt for a  
6 while?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Do you know anyone else who lived  
9 with Ohrt for a while?

10 A. I know of one other individual  
11 who did. And I learned about it after the fact.

12 Q. Who was that?

13 A. Through detectives. His name is  
14 Race Taylor.

15 Q. When did you see -- did you ever  
16 see that photograph of J.R.?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. When did you see it?

19 A. I had seen it hanging up in  
20 Dr. Ohrt's barn. On times that I had been in  
21 the barn I'd seen it in there.

22 Q. And were you ever in the barn  
23 before you graduated?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. How many times?

2 A. Not very many. Maybe five.

3 Q. Were other students with you when  
4 you were there?

5 A. Not at the time.

6 Q. All five times you were there  
7 alone?

8 A. I can't recall.

9 Q. What was the reason that you were  
10 at the barn before you graduated from high  
11 school?

12 A. I don't remember. Probably  
13 choir-related. I can guarantee it was  
14 choir-related.

15 Q. Were you the president of the  
16 club?

17 A. I was the president my senior  
18 year.

19 Q. Did these five meetings all  
20 happen -- when you went to this house, were they  
21 all in your senior year?

22 A. I think some of them -- I know at  
23 least one of them was my junior year. I'm not  
24 sure.

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1 Q. On those five occasions, you were  
2 there by yourself?

3 A. I think so. I can't recall.

4 Q. How did you get there?

5 A. He either probably picked me up.  
6 He either -- he would have had to pick me up or  
7 a friend would have dropped me off. I had a car  
8 on and off. I had a lot of car troubles around  
9 the time. I honestly can't remember exactly how  
10 or each time or when --

11 Q. Your dad didn't give you one of  
12 those GTOs?

13 A. Yeah. I wish.

14 Q. Did anything ever happen on those  
15 five occasions when you were at the barn?

16 A. Yes. You know, he would -- the  
17 hugging, grabbing my butt from behind, pushing  
18 into my personal space, hugging and pushing his  
19 face into my neck, patting my stomach, the lower  
20 of my back, yes.

21 Q. This happened while you were at  
22 his barn? Is the barn separate from the house?

23 A. The barn is separate from the  
24 house. It's not -- it a fully renovated,

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1 heated, insulated functioning barn structure.  
2 It is like a creative space is how he defines  
3 it. It's very eclectic. But, yes, it's  
4 separate from the house. And it's a  
5 full-functioning structure.

6 Q. Did your parents know that you  
7 were going to meet with him?

8 A. My mother did.

9 Q. Did she ever raise any concerns  
10 about that?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Did your parents ever meet Ohrt?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. On what occasions?

15 A. My mother had met him at concerts  
16 multiple times. I think -- honestly, I don't  
17 think my dad met him until after I graduated.  
18 But I don't recall. But it is really just my  
19 mom. I don't think my dad ever met him while I  
20 was in school.

21 Q. Did your mom ever express any  
22 opinion about him to you?

23 A. No. I think -- no, she didn't.

24 Q. Did anyone from the school -- I

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1 mean administration, teacher, staff. Did they  
2 know that you had been to his barn while you  
3 were a student?

4 A. I don't believe so.

5 Q. Let's look at the  
6 self-disclosure.

7 (Exhibit 3 was marked for  
8 identification.)

9 BY MR. SANTARONE

10 Q. Do you know what that document  
11 is?

12 A. I believe so. Is it just letting  
13 you know what we have?

14 Q. Right. Did you supply these  
15 names to your attorneys?

16 MR. COHEN: Objection.

17 MR. SANTARONE: That -- I will  
18 withdraw.

19 BY MR. SANTARONE

20 Q. Did you review the names on this  
21 list?

22 A. I have not reviewed this list,  
23 the names on this list, no.

24 Q. We will go through them. There



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1 is a lot of names here. Part of the reason in  
2 going through them is to decide who we need to  
3 depose and who we don't need to depose. I will  
4 ask you what you know about what they know.

5 A. Sure.

6 Q. The first one is your dad.  
7 Terry -- you listed your mother?

8 A. Yes. That's my mother.

9 Q. This address is where she lived  
10 last. But you don't know where she lives now?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. After the arrest of Ohrt, did you  
13 talk to her about it?

14 A. Just like as in everything?

15 Q. Post arrest, right? You never  
16 mentioned anything to her before the arrest.

17 A. Right. So, yes, I had disclosed  
18 to her the events that had happened.

19 Q. And did she say she knew anything  
20 about this while it was going on in high school?

21 A. No. She didn't know. She was  
22 very upset.

23 Q. Anthony, No. 4, is your brother?

24 A. That is my father. That one is

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1 my father.

2 Q. The first one is your brother.

3 No. 2 is your brother?

4 A. Yes. That's correct. The second  
5 one is my brother.

6 Q. Were any of your siblings at --  
7 did any of your siblings go to CB West?

8 A. No.

9 Q. So none of them were there when  
10 you were there?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. Where did they go to school?

13 A. Central Bucks East.

14 Q. The age difference is -- your  
15 brother is 30, you said?

16 A. Yes. My brother is 30. My  
17 sister is 28.

18 Q. So your sister would have been in  
19 high school at the same time you were but at a  
20 different high school?

21 A. She was a senior when I was a  
22 sophomore but she was at Central Bucks East.

23 Q. No. 5, Peyton Growth [sic].

24 Peyton you said was -- it says she was a choir

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1 student also?

2 A. She was. And I would like to  
3 point out the spelling and pronunciation is  
4 incorrect. Just if it matters.

5 Q. Yeah.

6 A. It is G-R-O-T-H and it's  
7 pronounced Groth.

8 Q. I understand you didn't say  
9 anything to her about this until --

10 A. Until after what occurred in  
11 Kansas City.

12 Q. And she was shocked when you told  
13 her?

14 A. Honestly, no.

15 Q. Did she ever say to you she  
16 understood that something was going on while you  
17 were in high school?

18 A. She alluded. She had asked me if  
19 everything was okay when I was in high school,  
20 yes. She had doubts.

21 Q. Everything okay about your family  
22 issues or about --

23 A. No. Like about Dr. Ohrt. She  
24 had her concerns. She would ask me about it.

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1 Q. But until Kansas City she --

2 A. I just didn't tell her anything.

3 Q. Did she ever ask you when you  
4 were in high school, hey, is anything going on  
5 with you and Dr. Ohrt?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What did you tell her?

8 A. I told her no.

9 Q. Who is this next name? Eugene?

10 A. Eugene Chuzhinin.

11 Q. Who is that?

12 A. That is when I was saying the  
13 twin brothers, Oleg and Eugene. They are two  
14 lifelong friends.

15 Q. And you lived with them for some  
16 time?

17 A. Yes. On and off. That's  
18 correct. Yeah, in 2019.

19 Q. And you lived with them because  
20 of problems at home?

21 A. Well, because I couldn't live at  
22 home, yes. That's correct.

23 Q. And what do they have regarding  
24 facts giving rise to this action?

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1           A.           They went to Central Bucks West.  
2 They were friends with me all throughout high  
3 school. They had their own suspicions and  
4 concerns when we were all in high school as  
5 well. They saw firsthand the impact that this  
6 was having on me. At the time they didn't know  
7 that is what it was. But when they connected it  
8 later on, then they made the connection that is  
9 what it was. But they had witnessed how I was  
10 impacted by this at the time and after high  
11 school.

12           Q.           Were they any of the ones who  
13 shunned you or made fun of you?

14           A.           No. They did not. Virtually  
15 everyone except for them.

16           Q.           Except for these two twin  
17 brothers?

18           A.           Pretty much, yeah. I am  
19 exaggerating a little bit. But, yes.

20           Q.           And your girlfriend?

21           A.           Yes. That's correct. My  
22 girlfriend.

23           Q.           And the next name?

24           A.           Annalee Tomanelli is a girl that

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1 was in chamber choir with me throughout high  
2 school. She was somebody I dated for a very  
3 brief period of time.

4 Q. In what year?

5 A. In my senior year there was a  
6 short period of time I was not talking to Chloe.  
7 And I was talking to Annalee Tomanelli in a  
8 short window of that time.

9 Q. Have you ever discussed with her  
10 what knowledge she has?

11 A. What knowledge she has? No.

12 Q. Yes. It says first-hand  
13 knowledge of the facts giving rise to this  
14 action.

15 A. Right. She was around so much at  
16 the time. She knew about our -- she had  
17 witnessed me and Dr. Ohrt's close interactions.  
18 She was in select ensemble. So she had seen  
19 that. And she was also a part of the choir  
20 government. So she would be around more often  
21 than other people would.

22 Q. Did she ever go to Dr. Ohrt's  
23 house?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. On what occasions?

2 A. Choir-related things. It would  
3 be difficult to think of specifics. I know she  
4 has been there, though.

5 Q. Was she ever there when you were  
6 there?

7 A. Maybe once. Maybe once, twice at  
8 the most.

9 Q. Do you know whether or not it was  
10 unusual for students to go to his house for  
11 meetings or things regarding choir?

12 A. Apparently it was something that  
13 had happened frequently before with like choir  
14 government that they had gone there for one  
15 reason or another for team building exercises.  
16 You know? At the time it was not -- at the  
17 time, if you were to talk about that, it was not  
18 necessarily out of what would be considered  
19 normal for that program. It was not necessarily  
20 considered unusual. I'm sure other people in  
21 school would have thought that. But for choir  
22 students they didn't particularly think it was  
23 unusual.

24 Q. Did he have a studio in the barn

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1 or anything where you practiced singing?

2 A. Yes. Yes, he did. He had a baby  
3 grand piano and an empty floor space with like a  
4 little stage where choirs would practice,  
5 rehearse and perform.

6 Q. During the time that you were  
7 living there post graduation, were there  
8 meetings there with people from choir?

9 A. When I was living there?

10 Q. Yes. Post graduation when you  
11 were living there.

12 A. I believe so, yes. I think there  
13 had been.

14 Q. Students from CB West?

15 A. Yes. I believe so.

16 Q. Any students from any other  
17 schools?

18 A. I don't think so.

19 Q. Chloe is the next one?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Who is that?

22 A. That is that girl I dated in the  
23 young years of my life leading up to when I was  
24 20.



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1 Q. Are you still friendly with her?

2 A. Yes. We are friendly. I haven't  
3 talked to her in a while. But we are friendly.

4 Q. Of the names that we went over,  
5 other than your brother and your parents and I  
6 assume Peyton, have you talked to anybody else  
7 about this lawsuit?

8 A. About this lawsuit?

9 Q. Yes. Is there another lawsuit?

10 A. I know -- I thought maybe you  
11 were talking about the criminal case.

12 Q. No. This lawsuit.

13 A. No.

14 Q. No?

15 A. No. Not to my recollection, no.  
16 Technically we have not even mentioned Oleg.  
17 But he -- I did speak with him about it. There  
18 are people that know because now it's public  
19 record. You can look it up. And it's on the  
20 internet. So anyone can know that. But, no, I  
21 haven't necessarily talked about it.

22 Q. Anybody else on that list other  
23 than Oleg that you talked to about it?

24 A. I don't believe so. Vincent

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1 Margiotti. No. 27, he is aware.

2 Q. Who is he?

3 A. He is Peyton's step dad.

4 Q. He is an attorney?

5 A. Yes, he is.

6 Q. Did he make a call to Childline?

7 A. Upon information and belief, yes.

8 Q. When?

9 A. I believe that could have been  
10 the second Childline report in 2021.

11 Q. And do you know where he got the  
12 information from that he made the call? Did he  
13 witness anything?

14 A. Like any instances occurring?

15 Q. Yes.

16 A. No.

17 Q. So did he get information from  
18 Peyton?

19 MR. COHEN: I will instruct John  
20 that the information that you receive from  
21 your attorney is attorney/client privilege.  
22 It's privileged by our relationship. So if  
23 he is asking for information that you know  
24 as a result of conversations with your

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1 attorneys, you can say I got that -- I know  
2 that from my attorney.

3 THE WITNESS: Right. A lot of  
4 which I did.

5 BY MR. SANTARONE

6 Q. Did you ever say to Peyton, hey,  
7 your stepfather called Childline?

8 A. I didn't know it was her  
9 stepfather at the time.

10 Q. After you found out, hey, Peyton?  
11 Did you ask her then?

12 A. Apparently she knew before I did.  
13 She didn't tell me at the time until later on  
14 that she believed it could have been. I  
15 never -- I don't have any confirmation on that.  
16 I still don't know.

17 Q. Did she tell you why she thought  
18 it could have been her stepfather?

19 A. She kind of danced around it a  
20 little bit. I think she knew it was a sensitive  
21 thing for me.

22 Q. So the answer is, no, she didn't  
23 tell you?

24 A. Didn't tell me what? Sorry.

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1 Q. The question was did she tell you  
2 why she thought it was her stepfather that had  
3 made the call?

4 A. She didn't necessarily expand  
5 upon that, what you are asking me.

6 Q. And you didn't ask her any  
7 follow-up?

8 A. No. I didn't really want to -- I  
9 didn't want to explore it any further.

10 Q. Then this Joey No. 9, is that --  
11 there is a J.R. referenced in your Complaint.  
12 Is that who that is?

13 A. Yes. J.R. I believe that's Joey  
14 Recupero.

15 Q. And what year was he?

16 A. He was the same year as me.

17 Q. And did anything happen to him as  
18 far as any involvement he had with Dr. Ohrt?

19 A. Other than that photo, I'm not  
20 sure.

21 Q. Did you ever talk to him about  
22 the photo?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Did he say that was taken

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1 surreptitiously or did he say he posed for that  
2 photo?

3 A. No. He said he posed for that  
4 photo. Yeah. He said he posed for that photo.

5 Q. Did you ask him about that photo  
6 when you saw it while you were still in school?

7 A. When I was still in high school?

8 Q. Yes.

9 A. That photo was taken after high  
10 school.

11 Q. So when you would go to his barn  
12 while you were still in high school, did you  
13 ever see any photographs of boys posing?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Who were -- do you know who was  
16 in those photographs?

17 A. No. Some of them I recognized as  
18 former students. But I can't attest as to when  
19 those photos were taken.

20 Q. Were any of them naked photos?

21 A. Some of them of women -- there is  
22 one photo of a naked man I can think of who was  
23 clearly a grown man, though. But I don't know  
24 who it was. But some of them were nude.

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1 Q. Any photos of nude women?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Were they also hanging up?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Did you recognize any of those  
6 women?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Was he into photography himself?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Did you see him take pictures  
11 when you go to different events?

12 A. Yes. I have seen him photograph  
13 before, yes.

14 Q. Did you and Joey talk about any  
15 allegations about what happened to you?

16 A. We really just discussed what  
17 happened in the criminal case. Yeah.

18 Q. Was Joey identified as a victim  
19 in the criminal case?

20 A. You mean -- I'm not sure in which  
21 sense you mean. Was he mentioned? Or was he  
22 somebody who was identified as a victim in the  
23 case?

24 Q. Was there a criminal count

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1 involving Ohrt that involved this picture of  
2 Joey?

3 A. I don't believe so. I'm not  
4 sure. But I don't believe so.

5 Q. Have you told Joey what you are  
6 alleging?

7 A. Alleging as far as in this --

8 Q. Yes.

9 A. He knows what happened in the  
10 criminal case. And that is really what we  
11 discussed.

12 Q. Do you know whether he testified  
13 in the -- whether he gave any testimony in a  
14 preliminary hearing or anything?

15 A. I'm not sure.

16 Q. Did you ever testify at any  
17 preliminary hearing or anything?

18 A. I don't believe so. No, no. I  
19 think the -- all I really gave was a statement  
20 initially.

21 Q. Oleg, you said you did talk to  
22 him about the lawsuit?

23 A. I had discussed with him what had  
24 happened to me during high school and that I was

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1 talking to attorneys about it.

2 Q. Going back you said that the  
3 twins didn't shun you and didn't give you a hard  
4 time?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. How about AnnaLee, did she?

7 A. No.

8 Q. How about Chloe?

9 A. No.

10 Q. How about Joey?

11 A. No. Because Joey and AnnaLee  
12 were in the choir as well.

13 Q. Did anyone in the choir shun you,  
14 not talk to you, give you a hard time about this  
15 relationship?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Who were they?

18 A. There would be numerous. Do you  
19 want me to list names.

20 Q. Yes.

21 A. It's numerous.

22 Q. Go ahead.

23 A. I would say like a solid like 75  
24 to 80 percent of the choir.



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1 Q. How many people were in the choir  
2 total?

3 A. Total?

4 Q. 30, 35?

5 A. Well, that's the chamber choir.  
6 The choir total -- that is the number I am  
7 referring to 80 percent of the entire choir. So  
8 the whole school choir. Honestly, probably more  
9 than that actually. And, you know, the choir  
10 was made up of around, if not over, a hundred  
11 people.

12 Q. Any teasing of you or taunting  
13 that led to --

14 A. Behind my back, yes.

15 Q. Let me finish.

16 A. Sure. I am sorry.

17 Q. Any teasing or taunting of you in  
18 front of you?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Any of it lead to any type of  
21 confrontation with the student where you get in  
22 their face or they get in your face?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Leah Popek?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What does she know?

3 A. Honestly, I don't know. I'm not  
4 sure. I'm not sure.

5 Q. Do you know why it says  
6 "confidential" next to her name?

7 A. I -- no, no.

8 Q. Did she shun you or make fun of  
9 you?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. She did?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What did she say to you?

14 A. She would flip the middle finger  
15 at me when I turned around, make jokes to other  
16 people in the choir about me. That was my  
17 sophomore year. I was not even a junior yet.

18 Q. Did she personally not like you?

19 A. Sort of, yeah. In that sense,  
20 too, because it was not because of anything I  
21 did. It was -- I think at that time it was  
22 because I was favored by Dr. Ohrt at the time.  
23 I think it was -- I think it made her angry.

24 Q. During your time at CB West were

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1 there school plays?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Did you participate in those?

4 A. I only participated in the  
5 theater program once. It was for the spring of  
6 my senior year in Les Mis.

7 Q. Did you have a singing role?

8 A. I had a major role, yes. I had a  
9 lead. I played on Enjolras.

10 Q. Why not participate in theater  
11 sophomore, junior year?

12 A. It was not my thing. Or I didn't  
13 think it was.

14 Q. But they were always musicals,  
15 right?

16 A. Yes. I just thought musicals  
17 were stupid. I was just being honest at the  
18 time.

19 Q. Katie Gaebel?

20 A. Katie Gaebel. Okay.

21 Q. What first-hand knowledge does  
22 she have?

23 A. She was in choir class. But she  
24 was in high school -- she already graduated by

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1 the time I entered high school. I can't attest  
2 to what she does or doesn't know.

3 Q. Have you talked to her at all  
4 about Dr. Ohrt?

5 A. The criminal case, yeah. Because  
6 she had saw the news. And she knew me. So she  
7 reached out to me just saying, I hope you are  
8 okay. I love you. If you want to talk, I'm  
9 here. We spoke briefly, yeah.

10 Q. Did she say anything about Ohrt?

11 A. She said she thinks he's a creep  
12 and she always thought he was a creep. She was  
13 not a fan of him.

14 Q. Besides -- his reputation at the  
15 school apart from what you are saying students  
16 said about your relationship with him, he was  
17 not well liked, was he?

18 A. I guess it depends who you asked.  
19 For the most part people liked him and hated  
20 him. A lot of people didn't like him.

21 Q. He could be rude and very tough  
22 on students?

23 A. Yes. I will put it to you this  
24 way: The people who -- the higher up you went

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1 and the more important someone was, the trend  
2 was the more they seemed to like Dr. Ohrt.  
3 Administration, more powerful people in the  
4 administration or in the district, more powerful  
5 people in the community tended to like him. I  
6 think that was more so calculated on his behalf.  
7 But other than that, for the most part people  
8 didn't like him.

9 Q. And I am talking about students.

10 A. Yeah. Students as well. Most  
11 students did not like him.

12 Q. What about his behavior with  
13 other students would be that he was not well  
14 liked? A tough marker? Was he --

15 A. Yes. But it was a combination of  
16 things. I think a lot of students felt a little  
17 uncomfortable by how -- some people got bad  
18 feelings about him. Some people thought he was  
19 creepy. That was a general thing that floated  
20 around. He was also just very tough in general.

21 I will put it to you this way.  
22 As growing up wrestling I was used to a strict,  
23 tough, high-expectation environment. And not  
24 everyone I think can handle that sometimes. So

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1 I think people also just didn't like that. They  
2 didn't like his high expectations. His teaching  
3 method was a little less Miyagi and more Cobra  
4 Kai, if that makes sense. You know? He was  
5 very strict. He sometimes was not pleasant to  
6 be around. And he would say what was on his  
7 mind whether it made you feel good or not.

8 Q. The next few are either  
9 superintendents, principals or administrators at  
10 the school?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. We talked about you did talk  
13 to -- is it Jason you talked to?

14 A. Yes. Jason Booker.

15 Q. How about the other ones?

16 A. I have never -- 17, no; 18, no;  
17 19, I saw him after the sentencing.

18 Q. Let's go to 13.

19 A. 13? No.

20 Q. 14?

21 A. No.

22 Q. 15?

23 A. No.

24 Q. 16?

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1 A. I mean, during school, yes. With  
2 things that we already discussed. Anything  
3 other than that, no.

4 Q. 17 is Nicholas Yandolino?

5 MR. COHEN: Yandolino.

6 BY MR. SANTARONE

7 Q. Yandolino. Y-A-N-D-O-L-I-N-O?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Have you ever spoken to him?

10 A. I spoke with him for like ten  
11 seconds after the sentencing.

12 Q. Zachary Eggleston?

13 A. I met him before.

14 Q. Jackson Manning?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Was he in your year?

17 A. No.

18 Q. What year was he?

19 A. I don't know. I think he is in  
20 his first year of college now. I don't know. I  
21 didn't know him.

22 Q. So it's believed that Ohrt abused  
23 Manning in and around 2018. That would have  
24 been after you graduated?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Did you ever hear that name  
3 before the criminal matter?

4 A. Yes. He was a promising kid in  
5 the community.

6 Q. The music community?

7 A. Yes. Other than that, I didn't  
8 know him.

9 Q. Did you ever meet him?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Did you meet -- where did you  
12 meet him?

13 A. School. CB West. When I come in  
14 to work with the students before I had seen him.

15 Q. Did you ever meet him at Ohrt's  
16 barn?

17 A. Actually maybe. Maybe. The time  
18 I would have met him were -- was when -- the  
19 time I would have met him would have been when  
20 Dr. Ohrt started a choir of previous Central  
21 Bucks students and other close friends. He  
22 would hold the rehearsals at the barn. And I  
23 believe on an occasion or two Jackson had come  
24 to sing there, I think. I can't say for sure.



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1 Q. Did you ever see anything  
2 improper between Ohrt and Jackson?

3 A. No. But I thought about it.

4 Q. Marykate Blankenburg, who is  
5 that?

6 A. She is a guidance counselor.

7 Q. Was she your guidance counselor?

8 A. Honestly, I don't remember. I  
9 don't think so. If she was it only for one  
10 year. Each year you had a different counselor,  
11 I think.

12 Q. Did you ever talk to any guidance  
13 counselors about problems you were having in  
14 school?

15 A. No. I don't think so.

16 Q. Did you ever talk with any  
17 guidance counselor about problems you were  
18 having at home?

19 A. No. I don't think so.

20 Q. Do you know what first-hand  
21 knowledge she might have?

22 A. I honestly don't, no.

23 Q. No. 23 is Chloe's mother?

24 A. Yes. Kathy Grau is Chloe's

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1 mother.

2 Q. When did you talk to her?

3 A. After the criminal case. Before  
4 the criminal case while it was -- after he had  
5 been arrested. Before the sentencing but after  
6 he had been arrested I talked to her about it.

7 (Exhibit 4 was marked for  
8 identification.)

9 BY MR. SANTARONE

10 Q. You currently live with your  
11 brother and his girlfriend. Do you have plans  
12 on staying with them? Or are you moving out?

13 A. I do plan to move out, not in  
14 short-term, though.

15 Q. In the Answers to  
16 Interrogatories, look at No. 6(b). You talk  
17 about -- it asks about incidents. You say you  
18 are not aware of any witnesses to any of these  
19 incidents?

20 A. 6(b). Oh, here. I am sorry. I  
21 wanted to see which incidents they are. Yeah.  
22 Not those incidents. Other than the incidents,  
23 like I said, at that church and Washington, D.C.

24 Q. No. 7 is all the medications

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1 you've taken?

2 A. Okay.

3 Q. And the Xanax and the Ambien  
4 started in 2021?

5 A. Yes. That might be incorrect.  
6 It had to have been -- it must have been  
7 mid 2021 or early 2022. Right in that  
8 timeframe.

9 Q. It says mid 2021.

10 A. Okay.

11 Q. The rest going through it there  
12 is a number of different antibiotics in here.  
13 Did you have --

14 A. Right. There are a number of  
15 them.

16 Q. Did you have some recurring  
17 problem?

18 A. I have had recurring bronchitis.  
19 Also, when I used to smoke a lot of pot when I  
20 was a kid like an idiot I would get sick. And I  
21 used to have asthma which I grew out of which  
22 would exacerbate and essentially, you know, lead  
23 to more frequently occurring bouts of  
24 bronchitis.

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1 And because I'm allergic to the  
2 main antibiotics, like penicillin, amoxicillin,  
3 cephalosporin, they would try and rotate  
4 antibiotics that they would give me so as to not  
5 gain tolerances or cause any -- any antibiotic  
6 resistance or super bugs as a result of focusing  
7 on one or the other.

8 Q. There is reference to -- and I  
9 might show it later. But there is reference to  
10 an email exchange with a detective where you  
11 talk about a bird that you had?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What was that about?

14 A. Sure. So I used to own a bird.

15 Q. What kind of bird?

16 A. Black-Headed Caique.

17 Q. And how did it end up at Ohrt's?

18 A. I couldn't keep -- I couldn't  
19 take it with me.

20 Q. To where?

21 A. To where I was moving to. I  
22 couldn't take it to Philadelphia. And I  
23 couldn't take it to any friend's houses. A bird  
24 is a very, you know -- you need to be able to

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1 have the environment in order to care for a bird  
2 properly. I didn't want to give it back to the  
3 SPCA. It had already grown a connection to me.  
4 The only other person it knew or he knew was  
5 Dr. Ohrt. And I moved. And I couldn't take it  
6 with me. So he kept the bird.

7 Q. When did you leave it there?

8 A. When I moved out 2019.

9 Q. So you moved out 2019. Then you  
10 went back different times for visits after that?

11 A. I am sorry. Do you mind saying  
12 that again?

13 Q. Could you take the bird to  
14 Florida with you?

15 A. No. Because, one, it would have  
16 been way too expensive to ship it. Two, I  
17 didn't even want to talk to him anymore and  
18 coordinate that with him. I wanted nothing to  
19 do with him. It's unfortunate that I had to  
20 give up the bird. But it was what it was.

21 Q. Your question was what was going  
22 to happen to the bird if he goes to prison?

23 A. Yes. That was a huge question I  
24 had.

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1 Q. And what happened?

2 A. I'm not sure.

3 Q. Do these birds live a long life?

4 A. They do. I would imagine that  
5 the police department would have done something  
6 to handle that with animal control or something.  
7 I'm not sure what happened to the bird.

8 Q. So when you first moved in with  
9 him for the two months or so, did you bring the  
10 bird with you then or before that?

11 A. I would have to remember or  
12 recall when I got that bird. I'm not sure. I  
13 think he might already had -- I don't know.

14 Q. You got it from the SPCA?

15 A. Yes. I'm sure I can figure that  
16 out.

17 Q. Okay. Also, you said you had  
18 some artwork there?

19 A. Like my own artwork? Or art that  
20 I owned?

21 Q. Your own artwork.

22 A. Art that I made?

23 Q. Yes.

24 A. Yeah. There was a piece of art

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1 that I made that I left at his house.

2 Q. Did you get that back?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Did you try to get that back?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Did you ask the police about it?

7 A. I think I might have asked them  
8 about other pieces of art maybe.

9 Q. Did you get any of the other  
10 pieces of art back?

11 A. No. I kept two of them with me  
12 when I left his house.

13 Q. You took them with you when you  
14 left his house?

15 A. They were mine, yes.

16 Q. What would be the artwork you  
17 would be asking the police about?

18 A. It was a piece of art that I made  
19 while I was there. But it was particularly -- I  
20 honestly didn't want it back. I made it for the  
21 sake of making it because I needed to, mentally  
22 and spiritually speaking. Then I didn't want to  
23 keep it. I actually wanted to get rid of it.  
24 And he -- I think he admitted to me that he kept

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1 it.

2 MR. COHEN: Let's take five if  
3 that's okay.

4 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This will  
5 conclude DVD No. 2. We are going to go off  
6 the record with the time reading 2:20 p.m.

7 (Discussion held off the record.)

8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is DVD  
9 No. 3. We are back on the record with the  
10 time reading 2:28 p.m.

11 BY MR. SANTARONE

12 Q. The last page of that, you did  
13 sign a Verification as to these Answers to  
14 Interrogatories, correct?

15 A. I believe so. Yes.

16 Q. Looking at No. 11, it talks about  
17 the incident where somebody walked in?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. On the trip to Washington?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And then the -- how long after  
22 that were you contacted by the police regarding  
23 the Childline report?

24 A. Within two weeks.



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1 Q. You don't know who made that  
2 report?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Was there anybody else who saw  
5 anything other than that mother that walked in?

6 A. Not that I know of.

7 Q. But you don't remember her name?

8 A. I don't. There was somebody who  
9 I thought it was. But then it wasn't. And I  
10 don't know. I never knew really.

11 Q. Would it have to be a parent of  
12 one of the students?

13 A. I don't know. That is what I  
14 thought at the time. I would think it would be  
15 a parent of one of the students or a student  
16 themselves. I'm not sure.

17 Q. 13, in regard to the second  
18 Childline report, it names Vincent Margiotti.  
19 Do you personally know he is the one who --

20 A. I am sorry. I don't mean to  
21 interrupt. Is that computer still muted?

22 MR. COHEN: No.

23 THE WITNESS: I am sorry. You  
24 mind repeating?

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1 BY MR. SANTARONE

2 Q. Look at 13 in your answer.

3 A. Sure.

4 Q. All right.

5 A. So 13(a)?

6 Q. Yes.

7 A. So I believe it was Vincent  
8 Margiotti.

9 Q. 16 talks about these photographs  
10 of undressed young men in the barn.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. (b) says, "Whether Plaintiff ever  
13 reported to anyone the pictures found at Ohrt's  
14 barn studio if so, to whom and when." You put,  
15 "No, but plaintiff was present at Dr. Ohrt's  
16 barn studio with the following individuals."  
17 And then you name a number of people.

18 A. I am sorry. Do you mind saying  
19 it one more time?

20 Q. You name a number of people.  
21 Look at the names you name here.

22 A. Sure.

23 Q. I thought before when we talked  
24 about who else was with you at the barn --

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1 A. Oh, right.

2 Q. You were not real sure that  
3 anyone else was with you.

4 A. Right.

5 MR. COHEN: I just want to  
6 object.

7 MR. SANTARONE: This names a  
8 number of people.

9 MR. COHEN: Those questions --

10 THE WITNESS: Those are different  
11 questions.

12 MR. COHEN: Fair enough. That  
13 was about while he was in high school.

14 MR. SANTARONE: Okay.

15 BY MR. SANTARONE

16 Q. So when you saw these photographs  
17 of undressed young men at the barn at his home  
18 and you name all these people, this is after you  
19 graduated from high school?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. So these individuals were all  
22 still in contact with Dr. Ohrt also?

23 A. To answer the question with --  
24 with this question specifically, it's asking

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1 whether I reported to anyone, which I assume is  
2 at any time, about the pictures that I found in  
3 the barn studio, and, if so, when. The answer  
4 is, no, I did not necessarily report it because  
5 I didn't need to report it. These individuals  
6 have been at that barn and have seen them.

7 And these individuals were at the  
8 barn after I graduated with the exception of  
9 maybe Joey Recuperero. I don't know if he's been  
10 to that barn, if he was at that barn before I  
11 graduated or after. But I do know he has seen  
12 it in the barn.

13 Q. The way the answer is worded,  
14 "No, but plaintiff was present at Dr. Orht's  
15 barn studio with the following individuals."

16 A. Yes. And I been -- I have been  
17 present at that barn with these individuals  
18 before.

19 Q. And going through this list of  
20 names, which were you present with at the barn  
21 prior to graduation?

22 A. None of these.

23 Q. So they are all post graduation?

24 A. That's correct.

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1 Q. Were they part of this choir that  
2 was going to be together?

3 A. The one I mentioned before?

4 Q. Yes.

5 A. The only one in this who was in  
6 that choir that he started after I graduated  
7 which was comprised of post students -- or prior  
8 students and other friends would have Joey  
9 Recupero and Phoenix Fritch. Peyton Groth is  
10 not a part of the choir you are mentioning. But  
11 she was in the choir in high school.

12 Q. Why would Peyton Groth be at  
13 Dr. Ohrt's barn studio with you after  
14 graduation?

15 A. Right. So like I mentioned  
16 before, I think one of your questions was has  
17 Peyton -- was -- I think it was had anyone been  
18 to the home with me when I was living with him?  
19 And I said, yes, Peyton had been there. She was  
20 my girlfriend at the time. And she had been in  
21 that barn and seen that picture. Me and her --  
22 she is very musical. We had worked on some  
23 music in that barn together before.

24 Q. How about the twins Oleg and

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1 Eugene, were they a part of the musical group?

2 A. No. They just came over one time  
3 to hang out.

4 Q. Were they involved in choir at  
5 all?

6 A. No.

7 Q. How about Katie McCaffery?

8 A. Katie McCaffery is a friend of  
9 Peyton Groth's. She came over at the same time  
10 that Oleg and Eugene came over. Peyton was  
11 there as well. We just hung out at his house  
12 one time together.

13 Q. Did any of them comment on those  
14 photographs?

15 A. Yes. They all did.

16 Q. Who did they comment to?

17 A. They said something to me and  
18 then spoke about it amongst each other in a  
19 little more detail about how they felt that it  
20 was strange.

21 Q. Did they say anything to Ohrt?

22 A. No. No, I don't believe so. I  
23 believe at one point Joey might have mentioned  
24 his discomfort with the fact that his picture

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1 was up in that barn.

2 Q. Do you know whether he ever said  
3 anything to Dr. Ohrt about his picture being up?

4 A. I think he did. I'm not sure.  
5 But I think he did.

6 Q. Not in front of you?

7 A. Not in front of me.

8 Q. No. 21 lists your medical  
9 providers that you had since your pediatrician?

10 A. Dr. Moore was my pediatrician.  
11 That's correct. The spelling on that response  
12 is incorrect if it matters. It's just Dr. Wei  
13 Shen. Not Shent.

14 Q. S-H-E-N?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And Dr. Anne Abel, is that the  
17 doctor you have told about the incidents with  
18 Ohrt?

19 A. I actually never disclosed to her  
20 the incidents with Ohrt. She -- I think the  
21 question you asked me was had I ever  
22 discussed -- had a provider of some sort ever  
23 discussed therapy to me? And I said, yes. My  
24 primary care physician in Florida did recommend

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1 therapy. That was around the same time that I  
2 had pancreatitis.

3 Q. And was that therapy then for  
4 alcohol abuse?

5 A. It would have been -- yes. For  
6 alcohol abuse and trauma -- and trauma.

7 Q. What trauma did you tell her  
8 about?

9 A. I didn't.

10 Q. How would she know that you  
11 needed counseling for trauma?

12 A. Typically people who abuse  
13 alcohol have some sort of underlying things  
14 going on. Not always. She hinted at it saying  
15 that they offer trauma services as well.

16 Q. For your ADHD, have you ever had  
17 to receive any special accommodations at the  
18 school?

19 A. Yes. I had 504 plans.

20 Q. Starting what grade?

21 A. Elementary school. I think -- I  
22 could be wrong. But I think I had a 504 plan  
23 for the entirety of my time in elementary  
24 school.



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1 Q. How about high school?

2 A. I think I had a 504 for my first  
3 year. I could be wrong.

4 Q. How about post high school?

5 A. No.

6 Q. So no special time for exams or  
7 anything like that?

8 A. No. I had a right to make a  
9 request. But I don't believe I ever did.

10 Q. You never made that request at  
11 Bucks County Community College or Temple?

12 A. Not to the best of my  
13 recollection.

14 Q. Do you have plans to make that at  
15 the school you are going to for the PA?

16 A. To make it a point to make a  
17 request for some kind of accommodations?

18 Q. Special accommodations.

19 A. No. I don't intend to. I guess  
20 that depends. But I don't intend to.

21 Q. The records that you supplied  
22 from Jupiter Medical Center, you were  
23 hospitalized from March 28, 2024 to April 1,  
24 2024?

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1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. And was your alcohol abuse, you  
3 had pancreatitis, did you have withdraws from  
4 alcohol while in the hospital?

5 A. They treated me for possible  
6 withdraws. I believe there was a time where I  
7 was exhibiting symptoms that would align with  
8 alcohol withdraw.

9 Q. And following the discharge on  
10 April 1st, have you had follow-up visits with  
11 doctors?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Is the pancreatitis under  
14 control?

15 A. Yes.

16 (Exhibit 5 was marked for  
17 identification.)

18 BY MR. SANTARONE

19 Q. You produced a number of, I  
20 guess, gmail messages between you and Ohrt?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. Do you have any text messages  
23 between the two of you?

24 A. No.

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1 Q. Did you text him?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And why don't you have those?

4 A. I have an Android now. Those  
5 were all over iPhone. That phone was a long  
6 time ago.

7 Q. You do have text messages to  
8 Peyton, though?

9 A. Yes, I do. Those were somewhat  
10 recent. I still have those on my phone.

11 Q. In these text messages between  
12 you and Ohrt, is there anything of a sexual  
13 nature in this?

14 A. No.

15 Q. How about any text messages,  
16 anything sexual in these text messages?

17 A. No.

18 Q. If you look at the numbers at the  
19 top there -- do you see that?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Go to 4925.

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. Three things on that page. It  
24 says, "hey doc" -- but then it has "quoted text

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1 hidden."

2 What does that mean?

3 A. What that looks like that was is  
4 I was attempting to archive these emails back at  
5 that time. And I think it opened up a draft.  
6 So if you look at even the one below it like  
7 September 12th it says, Draft. The one above it  
8 I'm not sure what that is. It might be some  
9 kind of signature that you include on an email.

10 This is my best guess. Because  
11 especially if I am looking at 4926 and I see the  
12 email from Ohrt, Joseph to John Calderaio, it  
13 says, "okay thanks" right behind it. Or under  
14 it it says "quoted text hidden." That quoted  
15 text is actually a quote of an ancient Hindu  
16 proverb. So I don't know if it just gets  
17 blocked when it goes to get printed. I'm not  
18 sure.

19 Q. So 4925, hey doc?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And then what is underneath it is  
22 a "hidden text." You understand my concern?

23 A. Yes. Of course. I think that  
24 would be easy to discover the reason why it does

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1 that.

2 Q. Can you discover that and let  
3 your attorney know?

4 A. Yes. Sure.

5 Q. Again, it's like you said it's on  
6 4926.

7 A. Yes. Where it says, okay,  
8 thanks. Right underneath the would usually have  
9 some kind of ancient Hindu proverb that usually  
10 is shown after his email. For example, if we go  
11 to 4928 you can actually see it listed there  
12 whereas it wouldn't show before.

13 And in that sense I think --  
14 again, I think the reason why it does that is  
15 for the sake of brevity because this is actually  
16 a printout of an email chain, whereas the next  
17 one is a specific email. So I think it's just  
18 not showing that kind of stuff or a signature  
19 like, for example, it says Joseph Ohrt, DMA.  
20 Director of choral activities, yada-yada-yada.  
21 I think it just doesn't include that for that  
22 reason. But I can figure it out and let my  
23 attorney know.

24 Q. Okay. 4913?

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1 A. Sure.

2 Q. Who is Joseph Hodge? And do you  
3 know why this is on your email?

4 A. It looks like this is because  
5 this is an email chain. So it's all people who  
6 were cc'd on the email or similar termed cc'ing  
7 on a email. It looks like Joseph Hodge was a  
8 representative for Kaleidoscope Adventures which  
9 is the tour company who would manage our tours  
10 at the end of the school year.

11 Q. 4918, if you look at the bottom  
12 it says, 10 Stone Circles. What does that mean?

13 A. Yes. That looks like it's an  
14 audio file. I think what he was asking me to do  
15 was around that time we had -- the women's choir  
16 had an important concert coming up. They were  
17 nominated for a choral competition. One of the  
18 pieces they were doing was called Stone Circles.

19 And I think he had asked me to  
20 make edits to the score. And you can export it  
21 as an audio file so that you can listen back to  
22 it. It looks like I was fixing that for him and  
23 sending it back to him so he can take a look at  
24 it.

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1 (Exhibit 6 was marked for  
2 identification.)

3 BY MR. SANTARONE

4 Q. This is the emails between you  
5 and Peyton. It talks about are you willing to  
6 speak to my attorney again briefly? What year  
7 was this?

8 A. It looks like Wednesday,  
9 June 5th. It must have been this year.

10 Q. So 2024?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And she had spoken to your  
13 attorney before that?

14 MR. COHEN: I will -- any  
15 information you have that you got from your  
16 attorneys is privileged information.

17 MR. SANTARONE: Any conversations  
18 that you had with her, though, are not  
19 privileged.

20 MR. COHEN: I'm familiar. I'm  
21 instructing him that if you got information  
22 from your attorney that is privileged  
23 information. And you can say this is  
24 privileged.

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1 THE WITNESS: Sure.

2 BY MR. SANTARONE

3 Q. Did Peyton talk to you about what  
4 she had talked to the attorney about?

5 A. No. I don't believe so. I think  
6 she told me that she had just answered any  
7 questions that they had.

8 Q. About what?

9 A. About whatever was relevant to  
10 the case.

11 Q. Did you talk to Peyton about any  
12 conversations you had with her about Dr. Ohrt?

13 A. Did I talk to Peyton about  
14 conversations I had with Peyton about Dr. Ohrt?

15 Q. Yes.

16 A. I'm a little confused about what  
17 you mean. I'm sorry.

18 Q. I guess the question is how did  
19 your attorneys know to contact Peyton?

20 A. Because they had asked if there  
21 are people that --

22 MR. COHEN: Object. Again, I  
23 think we are getting into -- it  
24 necessitates him to divulge conversations



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1 with his attorneys. I object on that  
2 basis.

3 BY MR. SANTARONE

4 Q. Did you tell Peyton, hey, I will  
5 have my attorney call you?

6 A. No. I asked if she would be  
7 willing to.

8 Q. Before the first call, did you  
9 ask her, An attorney will call you?

10 A. Did I tell her an attorney is  
11 going to call her?

12 Q. Or did you ask her can an  
13 attorney call you?

14 A. I asked if she would be willing  
15 to speak with them about any details that she  
16 can provide.

17 Q. Did you ask her if she remembered  
18 a conversation that you and her had had?

19 A. That is in here, yes.

20 Q. And what was the conversation  
21 that you and her had?

22 A. It was when I came back from  
23 Kansas City. And that is when I told her what  
24 had happened in Kansas City.

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1 Q. And when you asked her that, did  
2 she remember that conversation right off the  
3 bat?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. If you look at 4887.

6 A. Okay.

7 Q. It says, "I talked to Soph about  
8 it."

9 A. Soph. That is her girlfriend.

10 Q. Soph?

11 A. Yes. Sophia.

12 Q. What did she talk to Sophia  
13 about?

14 A. I wanted to make sure that Sophia  
15 was comfortable with the fact that I was even  
16 talking to Peyton just out of respect for their  
17 relationship.

18 Q. What was their relationship?

19 A. They are dating.

20 Q. And your concern would be that  
21 Sophia would be jealous?

22 A. Or -- I don't know how people  
23 are. You know? I didn't -- I don't know. Some  
24 people are weird like that.

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1 Q. When Peyton talked -- any time  
2 talked to your attorney, were you on the call?  
3 Were you involved in the phone conversation?

4 A. No.

5 Q. This refers to some time you and  
6 Peyton stopped talking?

7 A. Sorry?

8 Q. 4895.

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. It says, Back in 2019 when we  
11 started talking again?

12 A. Right. So prior to that me and  
13 Peyton were romantically speaking briefly. And  
14 then we discontinued our potential fling going  
15 on there.

16 Q. Was that because of her sexual  
17 orientation?

18 A. No. There were just other  
19 complications with our -- in my friend group.  
20 It was complicated. Just social things, I  
21 guess. Nothing remarkable, really.

22 Q. So after you stopped talking to  
23 her -- when was it you stopped talking to her?

24 A. April of 2018.

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1 Q. And this is in June of 2024.

2 When did you start talking to her again?

3 A. In about March or April of 2019,  
4 maybe May 2019. It was right around the same  
5 time I came back from Kansas City.

6 Q. And 4896 refers to that. It  
7 says, "When I got back from Kansas City and told  
8 you what Dr. Ohrt did to me at that party."  
9 That is at that person's --

10 A. Correct. That penthouse, yes.

11 Q. Under that it says, "If you would  
12 remember though, I can't remember" -- who is  
13 sending that?

14 A. I sent that. I was asking if she  
15 remembered if we texted about it or if it was  
16 just a phone call.

17 Q. There was an article that was in  
18 Philly Burbs on April 5, 2023. It talks about  
19 Ohrt would rip apart his performances in front  
20 of others. Was that something that he did to  
21 other students in the choir?

22 A. Yes.

23 (Exhibit 7 was marked for  
24 identification.)

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2 Q. 4318 is about the article I just  
3 talked about.

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. Were you contacted by anyone  
6 involving the lawsuit that Jackson Manning and  
7 another student filed?

8 A. No.

9 Q. You never testified or anything?

10 A. No.

11 Q. If you look at 4325.

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. "I have to say I am nervous about  
14 the upcoming sentencing, but I do feel as if I'm  
15 prepared." You were not going to testify at the  
16 sentencing?

17 A. No, I was not. I was giving a  
18 Victim Impact Statement.

19 Q. Was that read? Or did you read  
20 it?

21 A. I read it.

22 Q. "I also have pieces of art that I  
23 made when I was younger that I believe he has in  
24 his home." That is art that you created, right?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And you are asking him about  
3 those. You never got them back. Did you ever  
4 follow up with him?

5 A. No.

6 Q. "I also had a pet bird."

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. "That was kept at Dr. Ohrt's  
9 home. What will happen to that bird if he goes  
10 to prison?"

11 Any response to that?

12 A. Honestly, I don't remember. I  
13 don't remember. I'm not sure.

14 Q. If you look at the next one,  
15 4326. This victim/witness coordinator is asking  
16 you to bring a check \$129.99 to Bucks County  
17 DA's office. Do you know what that is about?

18 A. I believe what that was is that  
19 they -- they changed -- they had changed the  
20 airport that I was flying out of. And I  
21 think -- I can't remember. I think either I  
22 paid for it and they reimbursed me. And then  
23 they changed the airline flight. And it was  
24 more expensive.

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1 So, honestly, I can't remember.

2 It was something about reimbursements. And then  
3 the airline changed and someone was owed the  
4 money for the difference. I think I owed the  
5 DA's office that difference.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. It was something of that nature.

8 Q. And you talked about the  
9 girlfriend you had from 12 to 20 and then from  
10 20 to 24. You always had -- seems like you  
11 regularly had a girlfriend?

12 A. Yes. For those years, yes.

13 Q. Any problems with intimacy?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Starting when?

16 A. During and after high school.

17 Q. And did you ever talk to any  
18 doctor about that?

19 A. No.

20 Q. You've never been prescribed any  
21 ED medicine?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Did you ever try ED medication?

24 A. No.

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1 Q. When did the problems with  
2 intimacy start? How old were you?

3 A. 18, 19.

4 Q. What were the problems?

5 A. Difficulty getting and  
6 maintaining erections, lowered libido, less  
7 desire to be touched, difficulty becoming close  
8 with somebody physically and mentally,  
9 attempting to distance myself to those I'm close  
10 with as a protection mechanism.

11 Q. You said that started 18 or 19.  
12 19 you would have been out of high school?

13 A. Yes. So it was like as I had  
14 gotten out of high school. It started while I  
15 was in high school and progressively got worse.  
16 Really more so got worse after Kansas City.

17 Q. But you never talked to a doctor  
18 about that?

19 A. No.

20 Q. And who was the girlfriend when  
21 you first noticed you had some issues?

22 A. Chloe.

23 Q. Have you ever been physically  
24 abused by any girlfriend?



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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Who was that?

3 A. Peyton.

4 Q. What happened?

5 A. She would get physically violent  
6 with me. Close-fist hitting, slapping, pushing,  
7 entrapment -- like local entrapment, yeah.

8 Q. When did that happen?

9 A. On a few different -- a little  
10 more than a few different occasions throughout  
11 our relationship.

12 Q. When you say your relationship,  
13 there was a time when you were dating?

14 A. Yes. So throughout the time we  
15 were dating.

16 Q. So not when you were just in high  
17 school and friends, she didn't physically abuse  
18 you then?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. So during the time when you were  
21 dating?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Which was -- how old were you?  
24 What grade were you?

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1           A.           It was between when I was 21 --  
2           so I was about 24, yeah. Probably before I  
3           turned 24. While I was age 24 it didn't occur,  
4           though.

5           Q.           And did that have something to do  
6           why you and Peyton didn't talk for some time?

7           A.           It definitely put -- it was a big  
8           issue in our relationship. But that was not why  
9           we stopped talking in 2018.

10          Q.           Did you continue to go out with  
11          her after she was physically abusing you?

12          A.           Yes.

13          Q.           Why?

14          A.           Because I loved her.

15          Q.           You never had any ever -- did you  
16          ever have any emotional feelings for Ohrt?

17          A.           No.

18          Q.           You talked about time that you  
19          and Ohrt were at some -- the penthouse. And  
20          this was in Kansas City?

21          A.           Yes, sir.

22          Q.           Prior to that had you -- when you  
23          stayed at his house either for the two months  
24          you lived there or the five times or so you came

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1 back and stayed for a little bit, did you always  
2 have your own room?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Did you two ever share any  
5 bedroom?

6 A. We had in the past, yes.

7 Q. Where?

8 A. In New York City on one occasion.

9 Q. How old were you when that  
10 happened?

11 A. 19.

12 Q. Were you out of high school?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. How did it come about that you  
15 shared a room?

16 A. We had gone to New York for my  
17 birthday. And he actually told me that he  
18 booked a room that had two beds in it. And when  
19 we opened the door there was one bed in the  
20 room.

21 Q. And did you go that night for  
22 your birthday?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Were you drinking?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Were you smoking marijuana?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Were you drinking heavily?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Did anything happen that night  
7 back in the room?

8 A. Yes. But I didn't know it at the  
9 time.

10 Q. How did you not know it at the  
11 time?

12 A. He was photographing me on his  
13 phone while I was sleeping.

14 Q. How did you find that out?

15 A. I figured it out a couple years  
16 later when he was scrolling through images on  
17 his phone to show something to me and another  
18 woman who was a choir parent of past students.  
19 And he accidentally scrolled past one of them.  
20 And as he kept scrolling the next picture and  
21 the next picture and the next picture was  
22 another one of me sleeping. And he is like  
23 trying to flick through them. And it was like  
24 ten seconds of flipping through these pictures.

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1 Q. Were you dressed in the photos?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Do you know if those photos were  
4 recovered by the police?

5 A. I don't know.

6 Q. Have you ever been told by any  
7 doctor that alcohol, heavy alcohol, or marijuana  
8 use can affect sexual performance?

9 A. I know that, yes.

10 Q. How about the ADHD drugs, any  
11 effect they can have? Do you know anything  
12 about them having an effect on sexual  
13 performance?

14 A. They can.

15 Q. Have you discussed with your  
16 doctor any reason for difficulty in sexual  
17 performance?

18 MR. COHEN: Objection, asked and  
19 answered.

20 BY MR. SANTARONE

21 Q. You said you didn't.

22 A. Say it again.

23 Q. You said you didn't?

24 A. No, I did not. I did not.

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1 MR. SANTARONE: Let's take a  
2 break.

3 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the  
4 record. The time is 3:09.

5 (Discussion held off the record.)

6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on  
7 the record. The time is 3:14.

8 BY MR. SANTARONE

9 Q. I had asked you about the case  
10 that Jackson Manning and another student filed  
11 that was in Bucks County.

12 A. Sure.

13 Q. In that Complaint it says,  
14 paragraph 20, "In May of 2021 a former student  
15 of Central Bucks West High School made a report  
16 to Childline regarding Ohrt's inappropriate  
17 conduct and sexual advances towards him as a  
18 junior and senior at Central Bucks West in  
19 2015/2016. The former student also resided with  
20 Ohrt for a period immediately following his  
21 graduation from Central Bucks West."

22 Do you know who that is  
23 referring?

24 A. It sounds like they are referring

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1 to me. But they have incorrect information. I  
2 never made a report. But, you know, I think  
3 anyone would deduce that they are talking about  
4 me. But it sounds like they have the wrong  
5 facts.

6 Q. As far as residing with Ohrt, it  
7 was not immediately after you graduated?

8 A. No, it was not immediately after  
9 I graduated.

10 MR. SANTARONE: That's all I  
11 have.

12 MR. COHEN: I don't have any  
13 questions.

14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This will now  
15 conclude the recorded deposition. We are  
16 going to go off the record with the time  
17 reading 3:16 p.m.

18 (Witness excused.)

19 (Deposition concluded at 3:16  
20 p.m.)

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